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Channon will press on with transport sale

Charge for inner city drivers ruled out

- Local authority airports and buses are to be privatized *as studies continue* on the denationalization of British Rail.
- There is a growing belief in government *that* motorists *will* be prepared to pay tolls on privately-built roads.
- Proposals for metering to price *private motorists out of congested inner* cities are described as ineffective.
- The road network will be upgraded to ensure that businesses are not penalized compared with European competitors.

By *Robin Oakley*, Political Editor

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, will push ahead with the privatization of local authority airports and local authority bus companies as well as continuing studies on the denationalization of British Rail.

Mr Channon, in outlining how he hoped to see private sector capital *enlis*ted for road developments, indicated the Government's growing belief that motorists will be prepared to pay tolls to drive on privately-built roads.

However, he effectively ruled out much-touted proposals to price private motorists out of congested inner cities, saying that it would be unfair and ineffective.

In a wide-ranging interview in *The Times*, Mr Channon indicated a big increase in government spending on transport to provide a road *network would would ensure* that British businessmen were not penalized compared with their European competitors.

He said new procedures at the Department of Transport would cut the time taken on *big road* works *by three years.*

Mr Channon says in his *Times* interview that the law on breath testing for drink-driving motorists requires clarification. But he says controversy over whether random breath testing should be introduced is "very much a blown up issue. "The police have the right to stop anyone. If, when they've stopped them, they think they've been drinking they have the right to breathalyse them. We are as near as anything to random breath testing already."

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Mr Channon confirmed that privatization of British Rail would not stop the Government from subsidising uneconomic but socially desirable railway lines. He also promised to reduce night noise at airports.

Mr Channon said: "I am determined that Britain should not be penalized by having an inadequate transport infrastructure in a few years time. We are not in the centre of the European Community but geographically some way out so it becomes all the more important that we should have a good transport structure so that British business *is not handicapped.*"

He proposes a big review of Britain's motorway and trunk road network next spring. He said that the Government as a whole believed that the problems of congestion must be tackled vigorously.

It is a claim which will bring intensive scrutiny of Mr *Channon's budget when* the Chancellor of the Exchequer makes his autumn statement on public spending tomorrow.

Mr Channon said: "We have to keep pace with demand because if we don't keep pace *we slow Britain down* and we impose appalling burdens on British business. We can't allow business to be vastly over-penalized."

With road demand having risen by 40 per cent in a dec*ade while capacity has increa*sed by only 5 per cent, the statements have important implications for spending proposals. Mr Channon had a lengthy tussle with Mr John Major, Chief Secretary to the *Treasury, in this year's public* spending round.

Mr Channon said his determination to meet demand was one reason for introducing private sector capital into building roads.

*However, he proposes to in*troduce private capital gradually, starting with small projects. "We won't build a private sector M1 in the first go."

He said: "I'm more determined to get it right than to *speed it up* because *if it goes* wrong the idea is dead for a very long time."

Asked if the proposals would mean tolls on motorways and trunk roads, Mr Channon said studies were in hand and no decisions had been taken. However, he asked: "Would people be prepared to pay tolls or would they prefer not to have the road?

"Reaction is very different from a year ago when everyone was appalled at the idea. There are some people who are against it still but many feel that if this could provide an extra service that it would be something they are prepared to do."

Mr Channon gave his clearest hint yet on toll roads by saying: "There are consid*erable benefits to be gained by* getting the private sector to help more with roads. Clearly, if they do we'll have to find some way of remunerating them for their investment."

On further privatization, *Mr Channon said he had been* having talks with port owners but it was a complicated area because some ports were owned by local authorities, some by trusts and some were in private hands already. "There *may be no single solution.*"

No decision had been taken on local bus companies. However, he said: "Moves should take place to privatize these".

On council-owned airports, he said: "They are a classic *example of what* should be

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Mr Neil Kinnock today condemns the "Looking Glass logic" of Mr Nigel Lawson.

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The SNP bandwagon starts rolling in Govan

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The SNP bandwagon is beginning to roll in Govan.

A MORI survey in the Glasgow seat gives the Nationalists 23 per cent support, more than double the general election vote. But Mr Jim Sillars, the SNP candidate, still has far to go to overhaul Labour's 19,500 majority.

According to the poll for *Scotland on Sunday*, 59 per cent of electors are now backing Labour, six per cent fewer *than in June, 1987.*

Backing for the Conservatives is static at 13 per cent, and the Democrats have only 4 per cent, down 8 points from the election.

The figures show a 10 per cent swing from Labour to the SNP since the election.

●MORI interviewed 621 adults aged 18 plus in 49 *sampling points across the six* wards of the Govan constituency from October 25 to 27. General election, June 1987: B Millan (Lab) 24,071; A. Ferguson (SDP/All) 4,562; Mrs J R Girsman (C) 4,411; F McCabe *(SNP) 3,851; D Chal*mers (Comm) 237; Lab majority 19,509.

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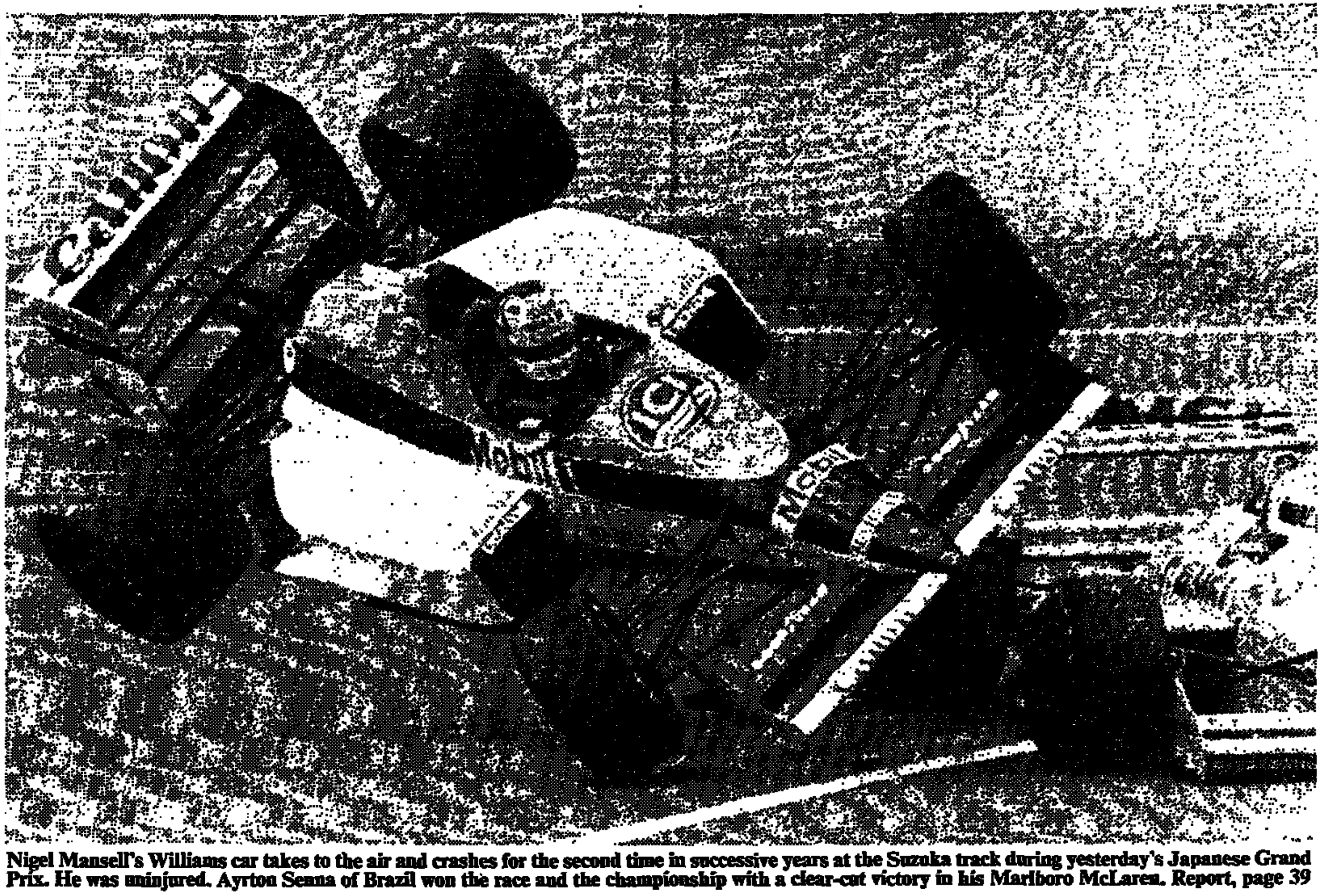
Mansell takes off as Senna takes championship



Nigel Mansell's Williams car takes to the air and crashes for the second time in successive years at the Suzuka track during yesterday's Japanese Grand Prix. He was uninjured. Ayrton Senna of Brazil won the race and the championship with a clear-cut victory in his Marlboro McLaren. Report, page 39

Ministers bank on NHS cash to buy off rebellion

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Government is banking on tomorrow's announcement of well over £1 billion extra for the National Health *Service to contain what threat*ens to be the biggest backbench revolt of this Parliament.

More than 70 Conservative MPs have declared their opposition to ministers' proposals to charge for eye and dental tests — enough to defeat the Government if join forces with the opposition parties.

Labour has applied a heavy whip to its supporters, pulling MPs back from around the world, in a move underlining the gravity of the vote.

However, ministers are confident that the size of the NHS settlement will be sufficient to buy off enough of the rebels to carry the day. The Prime Minister is adamant that there must be no further concessions and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, will be relaying this message to his leading critics *at a private meeting today*.

The Government has already exempted one million diabetics and 50,000 glaucoma sufferers from the £10 charge for an eye test, and last week's social security package *lifted the threat of new charges* from some 100,000 people in low income families. However, the Tory rebels are insisting that ministers should *go further and, at a cost of £27* million, extend the exemption to pensioners.

Dame Jill Knight, the Conservative MP for Birmingham Edgbaston who is leading the revolt, said she would not be swayed by the promise of more money for the NHS. She said that Mr *Clarke should use some of the* extra cash to scrap the charges, which are intended to bring in an extra £150 million for spending on primary care.

Dame Jill said the Government was making a false economy by insisting on the charges. Some people would be deterred from undergoing checks and early signs of diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease would go undetected, so pushing up the long-term costs of treatment.

"It's not possible to get a revolt of this number unless your case is very, very good indeed", she said on BBC radio's *The World This Weekend* programme.

The biggest backbench Tory revolt of this Parliament came earlier this year when the Government's majority was cut to 25 over the poll tax. In 1986, it was defeated on the Shops Bill by 14 votes when *68 Tories voted against it.*

The vote on Lords amendments to the the Health and Medicines Bill will follow the Autumn Statement by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is expected to announce that the Government has been successful in keeping the overshoot on *next year's public spending* target to less than £3 billion.

Senior ministers believe that his announcement of more money for the NHS next year will persuade many of the would-be rebels to hold their fire.

Dame Jill Knight: Leading *the backbench rebellion.*

Mrs Marcos goes down memory lane

***From James Bone*, New York**

For Mrs Imelda Marcos, former First Lady of the Philippines, *it was almost like old* times. Once famous for her extravagant New York shopping sprees, she headed for the Big Apple again yesterday aboard a luxury jet and bound for a suite in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

It was the first time she had left her home in Hawaii since being forced into exile by the revolt in the Philippines almost three years ago. But her lawyer, Mr John Bartko, assured the world that shopping was the last thing on her mind.

The woman of a thousand *shoes must today present her*self at a Manhattan court to be formally charged with racketeering.

Mrs Marcos was greeted at Newark airport, just outside the city, by about 40 support*ers protesting that the Reagan* Administration had betrayed its former allies by allowing the prosecution to go ahead.

She avoided them, and the waiting press, when the de luxe Boeing 737 which was lent to her by the tobacco heiress, Ms Doris Duke, taxied to a remote part of the airport — proving that Mrs Marcos is still a paid-up member of the jet set.

Mrs Marcos and her husband, former President Ferdinand Marcos, are accused of plundering more than $100 million (£56 million) from the Philippines treasury and investing it in property and art treasures.

Her appearance today will be the opening scene in what promises to become the courtroom soap opera to end them all. Her defence lawyers say she will plead not guilty.

Mr Marcos has had his summons to New York postponed because of concern that, aged 71, he is too frail to make the 5,000-mile trip.

Mrs Marcos began her journey in Honolulu on Saturday *wearing a black dress and dark* glasses. She boarded the Boeing, specially adapted to take only 18 passengers, accompanied by an entourage of 10 people, including two nurses and a Catholic priest. *Mr Marcos saw her off from a* wheelchair.

Mrs Marcos had offered to allow FBI agents to travel with her because of rumours that, once airborne over the Pacific, she might flee. But a US Attorney said the Government trusted her to appear at today's hearing.

If convicted, the Marcoses and their associates, including Mr Adnam Khashoggi, the Saudi millionaire, could face up *to 20 years in prison.*

Surge by Dukakis closes Bush lead

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Bush campaign began to stall at the weekend as polls showed that Governor Mich*ael Dukakis was closing the* gap and gaining momentum. Senior Bush aides met anxiously in Washington to decide strategy for the final 10 days before the election.

Vice-President George Bush, meanwhile, swiftly abandoned his promise of a gentler, less negative end to his campaign, and attacked his Democratic opponent for trying to "divide America by class". In a bus tour through *the Chicago suburbs he re*peated his standard accusations that Mr Dukakis was soft on crime and using "funny numbers" to undercut the prosperity of Americans.

Republican officials conceded that the election would be closer than the polls indicated. The latest survey, to be published in *Time* magazine today, still gives Mr Bush a comfortable 10-point lead, with 50 per cent of the vote *compared with 40 per cent for* Mr Dukakis. But it shows Mr Dukakis as gaining strength in California and in the West, a crucial battleground.

He was given a further important boost by the endorsement yesterday of *The New York Times*, which said that he "tips a closely balanced scale" over Mr Bush. The paper said that both candidates were better potential presidents than the image *they projected. But the deficit* posed the greatest challenge, and Mr Dukakis was the better man to deal with it.

Mr Bush was endorsed by regional papers. The *Miami Herald* called him a "seasoned leader with growth potential." Mr Dukakis was an "ill-defined iceman."

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US woman priest defiant

The American priest, the Reverend Suzanne Fageol, and her followers last night defied the spirit, if not the letter, of an instruction from the Bishop of London when they celebrated the Eucharist at an outdoor service in east London.

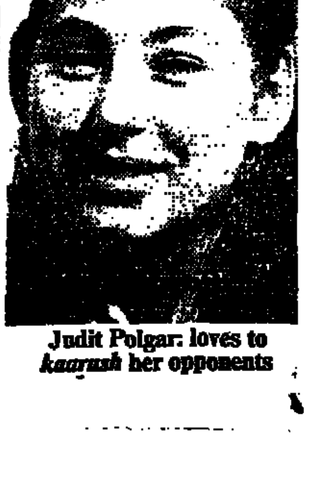
Miss Fageol, from Chicago, was told last week by the Right Reverend Graham Leonard in a letter that she could not "celebrate holy communion or perform any priestly function in the Chaplaincy building or in any Anglican building in the diocese".

But last night she and her 88 supporters decided to go ahead with their weekly service, after a meeting at St Benet's, London University.

Earlier she explained that the St Hilda's Community, founded to support the ordination of women, had been asked by solicitors acting for the Bishop of London to vacate St Benet's

Queen's gambit poses threat to kings of chess

By Brian James



Judit Polgar: loves to *kaurush* her opponents

The competition hall of a London chess tournament yesterday was not the place to inquire whether Hungarian Laszlo Polgar had proved his theory that you can take ordinary small children and mould them into geniuses.

For here was his daughter Judit, aged 12, winning the Duncan Lawrie World Mixed Challenge, the first female in the game's history to succeed in a ranking international tournament contested also by Grand Masters. There in another corner of the Eccleston Hotel was her sister Zsofia, aged 13, also finishing ahead of a handful of international masters.

Before Mr Polgar beg[illegible]awns of his children, no [illegible]ver appeared in the seede[illegible]ld's top 200 players. Both now do so. The intellectual pastime that was dragged into wider world recognition by the antics of a glowering Russian teenager Gary Kasparov and an American superbrat Bobby Fischer now has a slip of a girl who is better than both of them at the same age.

The game awaits the inevitable clash for the title of world champion between Miss Polgar and Kasparov. It could even happen within the next year.

Mr Polgar, a Budapest psychology *teacher, decided to use his own children* to test a theory that mental achievement is about environment and training rather than innate ability. He and his wife Klara had talked through what they might accomplish with their children, even before they married. He chose chess as his test bed because it provided a measurable indicator of intellectual skills, and because it gave him opportunity for a simultaneous sideswipe at the game's hoary legend that even gifted women were intrinsically incapable of attaining the levels of the best men.

To achieve his objective, which reached such a triumphant milestone yesterday, Mr Polgar simply sat his four-year-old *down to study chess*, for five hours each and every day.

Watching Judit draw with Israeli *Grand Master Yair Kraidman*, aged 59, through yesterday's clinching game was to observe a superficially ordinary child: the jeans, the jumper, the "fun" watch and the frequent scurries to the refreshment table once the chocolate biscuits

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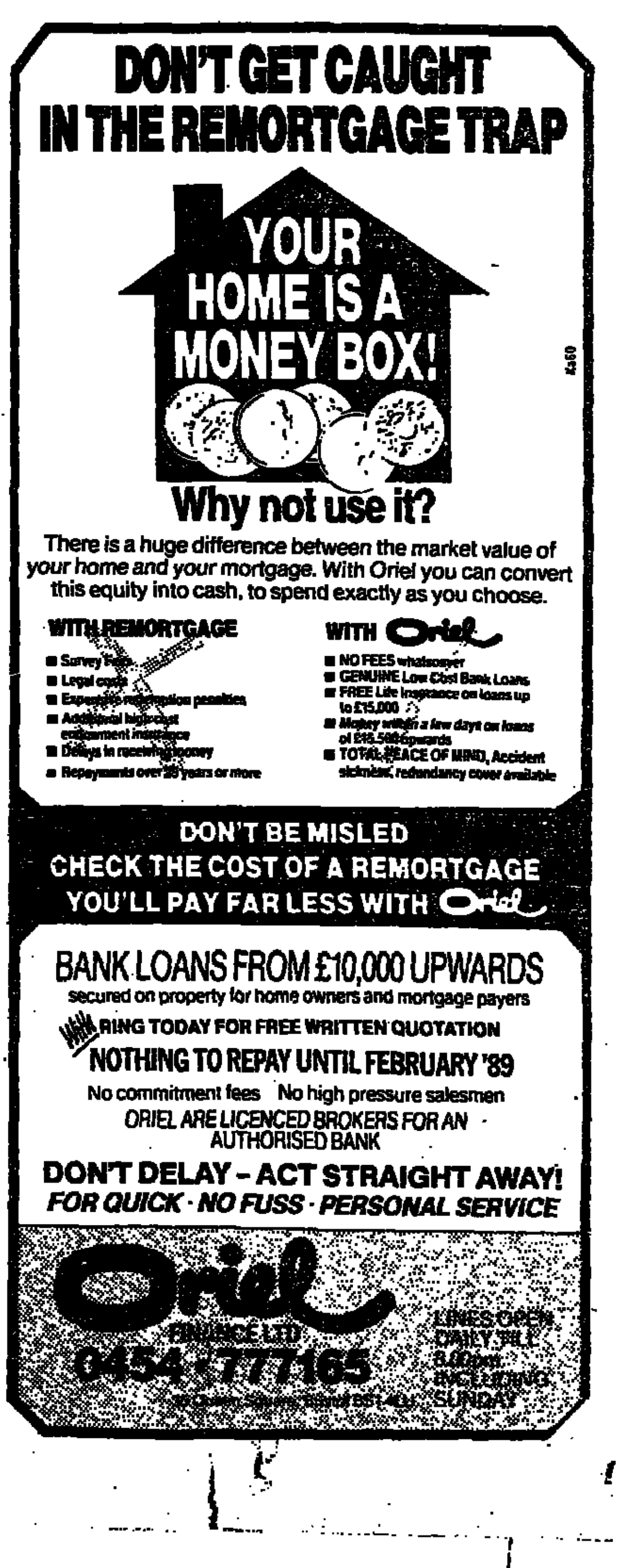

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Union defends £200,000 pay-off

Officials of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union last night defended a £200,000 golden handshake to Mr Clive Jenkins, who two weeks ago retired as joint general secretary. Mr Jenkins, aged 62, has taken early retirement to pursue his interest in ecology and preservation of the rain forests.

Mr Jenkins will, from his new home in Tasmania, use his fellowship from the Australian government to work with the Wilderness Movement. He has dismissed as "rubbish" reports that since the merger of his union, the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, with the left-led TASS, he has been pushed into a back-seat role by Mr Ken Gill, who was expelled from the Communist Party because of his pro-Russian views.

Last night, a senior official of the union said: "Some hard left members of the union are trying to make an issue of this but the fact is that the majority of the membership acknowledge Mr Jenkins' achievements".

Trust rejects hunt ban

National Trust members have voted to continue to allow hunting on the organization's 600.000 acres of land. They rejected by 46,248 votes to 29,345 a resolution that fox, deer and hare hunting should be banned. The decision, after an emotional debate at the trust's annual meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, was expected. Postal votes had effectively decided the issue before the debate, at which 402 voted for the resolution and 433 against.

Abortion pill hope

A French-developed abortion pill to be taken in early pregnancy could be available in Britain in the next two years. The RU 486 drug has completed trials involving 1,000 British women up to seven weeks pregnant, and the results suggest that it is safe and effective. If approved by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines, the drug will only be administered under medical supervision. Taken orally, it counteracts the natural hormone progesterone

Setback for Haughey

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, is to stay in hospital until at least the middle of this week. He was admitted to the Mater Hospital in Dublin on October 14 for a respiratory infection. This is understood to have been complicated by the recurrence of a kidney stone complaint which was treated earlier this year. Mr Haughey will miss the Dublin cabinet meeting tomorrow, which will consider the sentences given to the three people convicted of plotting to kill Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

War crimes mission

The British team investigating allegations that war criminals are living in the United Kingdom has been to the Soviet Union to interview witnesses and collect documents about two of the 250 people on file. Sir Thomas Hetherington, former Director of Public Prosecutions and Mr William Chalmers, former Crown Agent in Scotland, will go to Israel and Russia later this year. Their report is expected to go to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, next Easter. He will then decide whether legislation needs to be changed for the Crown Prosecution Service to prosecute.

Still lost in the Wash

Hopes that King John's treasure, lost in The Wash more than 750 years ago, had been discovered, have been dashed. Professor James Holt, the former Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, who has spent 30 years on the hunt, said that it has proved impossible to date fragments of gold and silver recovered from a Norfolk borehole this year.

The greenhouse effect

Nuclear power can 'clean atmosphere'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

A big increase in nuclear power plants will be needed to combat the global "greenhouse effect" that is upsetting weather patterns, Mr Nicholas Ridley said yesterday.

The Secretary of State for the Environment went further than the Prime Minister did in her interview with *The Times* last week in emphasizing that there must be drastic changes in energy policy to ward off the pollution hazard posed by increasing atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide and sulphur dioxide caused by burning fossil fuels.

He declined to predict how many new nuclear power plants Britain would be required, but agreed that hundreds, possibly thousands, would have to be built around the world.

Mr Ridley also made clear that he foresaw no difficulties in disposing safely of intermediate and low-level nuclear waste.

The Secretary of State said in BBC television's *On the Record*: "There is absolutely no doubt that if we want to arrest the greenhouse effect we should concentrate on a massive increase in nuclear generating capacity.

"Nuclear power stations give out no sulphur dioxide and cardon dioxide. They are the cleanest form of power generation."

Mr Ridley's stark forecast, coupled with a reminder to the public that they could not have it both ways and would have to accept atomic power as the price of cleaning up the atmosphere, could cause problems for Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, who is about to start steering electricity privatization through the Commons. He has stipulated that the newly independent area distribution boards will have to buy 25 per cent of their capacity from the nuclear sector, but Mr Ridley's remarks suggest that in the long term this requirement will have to be increased.

Potential investors, mindful of the practical difficulties with nuclear power and the possibility of higher costs, could be deterred from buying the shares.

The minister's remarks drew a caustic response from Friends of the Earth, who said that they took no account of public opinion.

Mr Robin Maynard, a spokesman, said: "The conversion of Mrs Thatcher to green issues was not so much a transformation on the road to Damascus, but a conversion on the road to Hinkley Point (the site of the second proposed pressurized water reactor)."

Mr Ridley also came under fire from Mr John Cunningham, Labour's environment spokesman, who maintained that Conservative ideology was in "head-on collision" with the need to intervene to protect the environment.

"The best way to tackle discharges to the environment from power stations is to promote a huge energy conservation programme so that less energy is used more effectively.

"To suggest that a massive programme of nuclear power is the way forward is to fly in the face of reality, especially since this government, has no coherent thoughts on how to manage the growing amount of nuclear waste."

Mr Ridley said that alternative energy sources would not be able to supply enough electricity to support life in industrialized countries.

He also said that he would support a ban on chlorofluorocarbons, gases used in aerosols which are being blamed for the hole in the world's ozone layer.

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Civil Service brain drain

Growing exodus predicted

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

More Civil Servants will leave for private sector jobs over the next few years, compounding Whitehall's recruitment difficulties, Professor Richard Rose, the public administration expert, says in a pamphlet today.

But Professor Rose, of the University of Strathclyde, says a higher rate of resignation among top officials could do the Civil Service good by clearing the way for promotion of younger men and women.

He says Civil Servants will leave because of growing dissatisfaction among those appointed to the "executive agencies" being set up to run vehicle licensing and companies registration. They will find they have been assigned managerial responsibilities without managerial authority.

Another reason is the freezing out of Civil Servants from policy making under Mrs Thatcher. "She is sceptical of the capacity of Civil Servants to formulate policies; she is confident that she and her personal advisers can do that best."

Whitehall's efforts to make Civil Servants more cost conscious and management minded could backfire, Professor Rose says. "If Civil Servants become professional managers, then more and more are likely to quit for the higher pay and greater authority offered by the private sector."

Increasingly, the Civil Service will become less a career for life than a job to be performed for a limited number of years. Professor Rose envisages a time when senior Civil Servants regularly resign at the age of 50 to take private sector appointments

Loyalty, Voice or Exit? Margaret Thatcher's Challenge to the Civil Service. University of Strathclyde, Centre for the Study of Public Policy. £2.50.

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Tribute to hero of The Few

The Queen Mother yesterday righted a wrong that had troubled her husband more than 45 years ago by unveiling a statue to Lord Dowding, leader of "The Few".

Though he was one of Britain's heroic wartime figures, Lord Dowding, commander in chief of Fighter Command throughout the Battle of Britain, was not honoured at the time.

In 1942, George VI asked the Secretary of State for Air whether Lord Dowding would ever receive his widely expected promotion which seemed to be repeatedly denied.

Yesterday Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, chairman of the Battle of Britain Fighter Association, said: "It is a matter of surprise and concern or perhaps even shame that no memorial has been raised in over 50 years".

The statue, outside St Clement Danes, the Royal Air Force church, in the Strand, central London, was paid for by many former pilots and by public subscription.

The Queen Mother said: "He was a wartime leader to whom this country owes so much".

The present Lord Dowding, who as a Spitfire pilot served under his father during the war, described the statue as "an astonishing likeness". Lord Dowding died in 1970, aged 88. A single Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight passed over the church as the statue was unveiled.

Lord Dowding with the statue of his father, which was unveiled by the Queen Mother yesterday in the Strand, central London (Photographs: Chris Harris)

A statue of John Wilkes, erected yesterday between Fetter Lane and New Fetter Lane in the City of London, commemorates the man who ensured that newspapers could freely publish the proceedings of both houses of Parliament, and that legally elected MPs cannot be prevented from taking their seats for their political beliefs. The money for the figure was raised from Fleet Street newspapers and City livery companies by Dr James Cope. In 1763, Wilkes, then MP for Aylesbury, attacked the Treaty of Paris reached at the end of the Seven Years War in his journal, *North Briton*. He was imprisoned under a General Warrant. Two years later, the House of Commons ruled that General Warrants were "illegal and obnoxious".

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Breaking the North-South divide

Short-sighted southerners blind to joys of the North

Misconceptions about the North-west are so ingrained in South-east folk legend that 93 per cent of company chief executives and finance directors surveyed recently admitted they would rather resign than move north of Watford. ***Ian Smith*** *spoke to an architect who moved north five years ago and says he would have to be dragged screaming and kicking back to London.*

David Taylor needed no encouragement to leave his suburban Scottish home for the bright lights of London when he was 21. After all, the capital offered all the glamour an upwardly mobile bachelor could want.

The allure had faded a decade later when Mr Taylor was paying an exorbitant rent for the one-bedroom, second-floor flat in Covent Garden he shared with his wife, a nurse.

However, rather than spend every penny on mortgage repayments in the fashionable South-east, the Shadow Cabinet's adviser on urban regeneration, decided to cross the Watford gap.

It took the couple months to get used to a friendlier way of life. Mr Taylor said: "Down south, things are just so completely different. People are so stoney-faced that if you were to smile at anyone during a Tube journey they would think they had been singled out by a mugger or rapist.

"Here, totally the opposite is true. People think you weird if you do not at least nod or smile at anyone you pass in the street. Although the cities are just a few hundred miles apart, they could be different planets; and I know the one I prefer."

Mr Taylor, now 37, is managing director of Lancashire Enterprises, a private company which started with three staff and existed on county-council grants.

In five years it has expanded into a multi-million pound business, persuading private industrialists to invest heavily in projects as diverse as *housing, canal rejuvenation* or industrial development.

Mr Taylor visits London regularly to discuss investment projects with invariably cautious chief executives who believe the only financially arable land worthy of investment seed lies in the South.

"It is both frustrating and at the same time amusing that southerners' concepts of the North are so hopelessly wrong. How senior executives selected for their awareness and far-sightedness could make such staggeringly ill-informed judgements about where to commit millions of pounds astounds me", Mr Taylor said.

"Of course there are things wrong with the North. It would be naive to regard it is a paradise of perfection. Even more ridiculous would be for southern businessmen to regard the North as a cultural desert inhabitied by people with heads full of straw instead of brains."

Mr Taylor, his wife, Brenda, aged 32, and sons, Joseph, aged five, and Jack, aged one, live in a four-bedroom stone house built in the village of Chipping, near Beacon Fell national park, east of Preston, in 1717. The Taylors' home cost £72,000.

The managing director of a London company who visited them recently conservatively estimated its southern equivalent value at £500,000.

Within easy reach of their home are *miles of breath*taking countryside and a comprehensive range of schools. Had they remained in London the choice would have been severely limited.

Mr Taylor said it was absurd to suggest, as business executives in the South had done in a survey for Manchester Business School, that a selection of skilled workers was not available in the North-west. So was the presumption that promotional opportunities were far more limited.

The availability of skilled labour was indicated by a plethora of higher education establishments. Manchester has Europe's biggest university campus with 30,000 students. Courses within each university were tailored to business needs.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, who was born in the North-east, told guests at a Trafford Park industrial luncheon last week that no better example of inner-city action existed than in Manchester. International development at Trafford Park amounted to £170 million, with another 70 companies competing for accommodation on what was once Europe's leading industrial heartland.

At the same time, the art world has reacted impatiently to suggestions that the North-west offers none of the cultural refinements of the West End.

Mr Alex Bernstein, nephew of Lord Bernstein, the founder *of Granada Television, said* that the Royal Exchange Theatre was acknowledged as one of the world's most futuristic settings for drama. It attracted performers and directors with international reputations who better appreciated the cultural importance of Manchester than did the 110 business leaders questioned in the survey.

Industrialists such as Shell Chemicals UK at Chester and Ciba-Geigy at Macclesfield are as bemused as their North-western colleagues at the belief of their southern counterparts that transport is inferior.

Greater Manchester is served by the most comprehensive motorway system in Britain and rail links which are considered to be better than in the South. *Its international* airport is busier than Chicago and Los Angeles

A four-day presentation, Fast Forward: The North West Direction, in which the region's seven leading development agencies will sell its commercial and cultural attractions, will be launched tomorrow.

Mr David Plowright, chairman of Granada, will tell businessmen that 80 of the top 100 companies listed by the *Financial Times* are represented in Manchester. Savings and expenditure are above the national average, along with the number of homeowners.

The grand irony of Mr Plowright's endeavours to convince businessmen that the North-west is not all cloth caps will be his attempts to kill off the image which has netted his own company tens of millions of pounds.

Coronation Street, the world's most successful television soap opera, which *embodies everything* the Fast Forward consortium will try to contradict, has run for 27 years and been bought by customers in every continent.

Birthday fun for test-tube pair

Test-tube twins David and Nicholas Chappell proving a bit of a handful for their parents yesterday as they celebrated their first birthday at home in Bramhall, Cheshire. Michelle, their mother, who won this year's Mother and Baby of the Year award, was given only a 3 per cent chance of having children after years of infertility (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

Automatic divorce proposal attacked

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Law Commission proposals to make divorce automatic after a fixed period without the need to allege fault or prove "irretrievable breakdown" are attacked today in a report by the Divorce Law Reform Association.

The report, by the association's chairman, Alex Goldie, says the proposals are *likely to prejudice further the position of* divorced men and second wives.

The Law Commission's proposals in May, failed to identify the nature of the problem with divorce laws, the association says. That lies not so much with the grounds for divorce as with the discretion left to the judiciary. Judges "are not carrying out the clear wish of Parliament that a 'clean break' should be the norm".

The association, an independent group, says people going through divorce are not worried about the grounds but about what they see as injustice in the proceedings over money and children.

In the short term, courts should implement Parliament's intentions over the clean break principle, ending much of the present maintenance arrangements paid by husbands to former wives.

In the long term, the association calls for a royal commission to find out what people think marriage and divorce rules should be.

It also backs an ante-marital contract which would specify what one partner expected of the other both during marriage and if it ended.

A distinction would be made between property acquired before marriage and that acquired after.

A More Radical Reform (Department of Social Policy, Cranfield Institute of Technology, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 OAL).

Musical sponsorship

Tour for London orchestras

By Andrew Billen, Arts Correspondent

London's four leading orchestras will undertake nationwide tours, under an initiative to be unveiled to*morrow by the Arts Council*.

The move is the result of long-standing pressure from the Arts Council to make sense of the apparent anomaly that allows four of the country's largest orchestras to compete for audiences in London.

It also comes after the council's 1984 report, *Glory of the Garden*, which proclaimed a significant shift in resources away from London to the regions.

Touring also received special emphasis in last week's announcement of the council's three-year strategy. The breakthrough has been achieved because of a *six-figure*, three-year sponsorship by the *Prudential Corporation*. Orchestras must field their "A teams" and not orchestras composed of more "loosely-associated" musicians.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra said over the weekend that it would now be able to tour more frequently with its musical director, Vladimir Ashkenazy, the pianist. Its biggest tour of the year at present is sponsored by British Telecom.

Mr Clive Gillinson, managing director of the London Symphony Orchestra, which already has a 12-year-old arrangement with Shell for a regional tour each autumn, said: "We have always taken *the view that there is no point* doing tours if you don't take the people you use in London.

"The most important thing about touring is that the quality of concerts can im*prove over a succession of* performances. Orchestras gain not only from sufficient rehearsal time, but also from sufficient performance time."

The news was also welcomed by Mr Sebastian de Ferranti, chairman of the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester, in spite of his orchestra's financial worries.

Truants' troubled future

By Our Education Staff

Children who play truant are more likely to suffer social problems, according to a report sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council.

The one in 15 children who stay away from school are more likely to start familes at a young age, to get divorced, to *be* unemployed and to suffer depression, the report, *The Future Lives of Truants*, says.

According to the research, conducted by Professor Ken Fogelman and Miss Angelika Hibbett at the City University, London, the absence from class of a youngster nearing the end of his or her school career is "quietly condoned, on the assumption that the truant has outgrown school *and is ready for* the world of work".

However, the report, says that "the individual act of truancy should be taken as a sign that some help is needed".

People who played truant have "lower status occupations, less stable career patterns and more unemployment" than contemporaries who did not miss classes.

The Future Lives of Truants by Fogelman and Hibbett (Economic and Social Research Council; Cherry Orchard East, Swindon; SN2 6UQ).

Tebbit in students 'closed shop' fight

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit and Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Cabinet ministers who led the backbench Conservative campaign to abolish the Inner London Education Authority, have joined forces in another educational crusade.

Today they will call for the ending of the "closed shop" operated by the National Union of Students.

More than 200 Conservative MPs object to compulsory student membership of the union, saying it is campaigning politically at the taxpayers' expense.

The intervention of the two former ministers will increase the pressure on Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to act.

He has ordered an inquiry into the activities of local students' unions and said that it is wrong in principle for public funds to be used for political campaigning against the wishes of individual students.

The NUS has dismissed the questionnaires sent out by the Department of Education and Science as "badly drafted and irrelevant", *and has said that* first results show that local students' unions spend only about £500 a year on political societies.

Mr Tebbit and Mr Heseltine will speak at a parliamentary rally at Westminster organized by Conservative Collegiate Forum, the party's student wing. Mr Philip Malcolm, the forum's student director, said yesterday: "The *NUS is now* living on borrowed time".

Plea over state schools

There must be no attempts to "bribe" state schools out of local authority control by providing extra cash for grant maintained schools, Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, says.

In a *letter to Mr Kenneth* Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Straw asks for assurances that schools opting out will not be favourably treated.

Mr Straw said yesterday that Mr Baker's refusal to give such undertakings, and his assertion that the needs of the first grant-maintained schools *would be dealt with case* by case, meant officials could make promises of favourable treatment.

Britons shy of phoning for a chat

By Ruth Gledhill

Britons are comparatively reluctant to use the telephone, according to a survey which will surprise parents who view with alarm the bills run up by teenage offspring.

Early results of the survey – which compares British and American social and emotional telephone habits – show that twice as many Americans as Britons will call a friend to congratulate them on an achievement.

It also appears that three times as many Americans will ring to sympathize over a loss or bereavement. British Tele*com* plans to call in a psychologist to explain the results of the survey, *Britain on the Phone*, in which more than 2,000 people were questioned. It will be published in full in December.

"It will bring up the whole issue of whether Americans are more open than we are", British Telecom said.

"We do not know whether it is differences in behaviour or personalities, or whether the Americans have more of a telephone culture than we do.

"It seems that the British have to have a specific reason to make a telephone call, unlike Americans who like to phone just for a chat."

Even in relation to business, Americans spend far more time on the telephone. In the week before the survey, half as many British as Americans called shops to check if an item was in stock, and a third as many called a shop to check prices.

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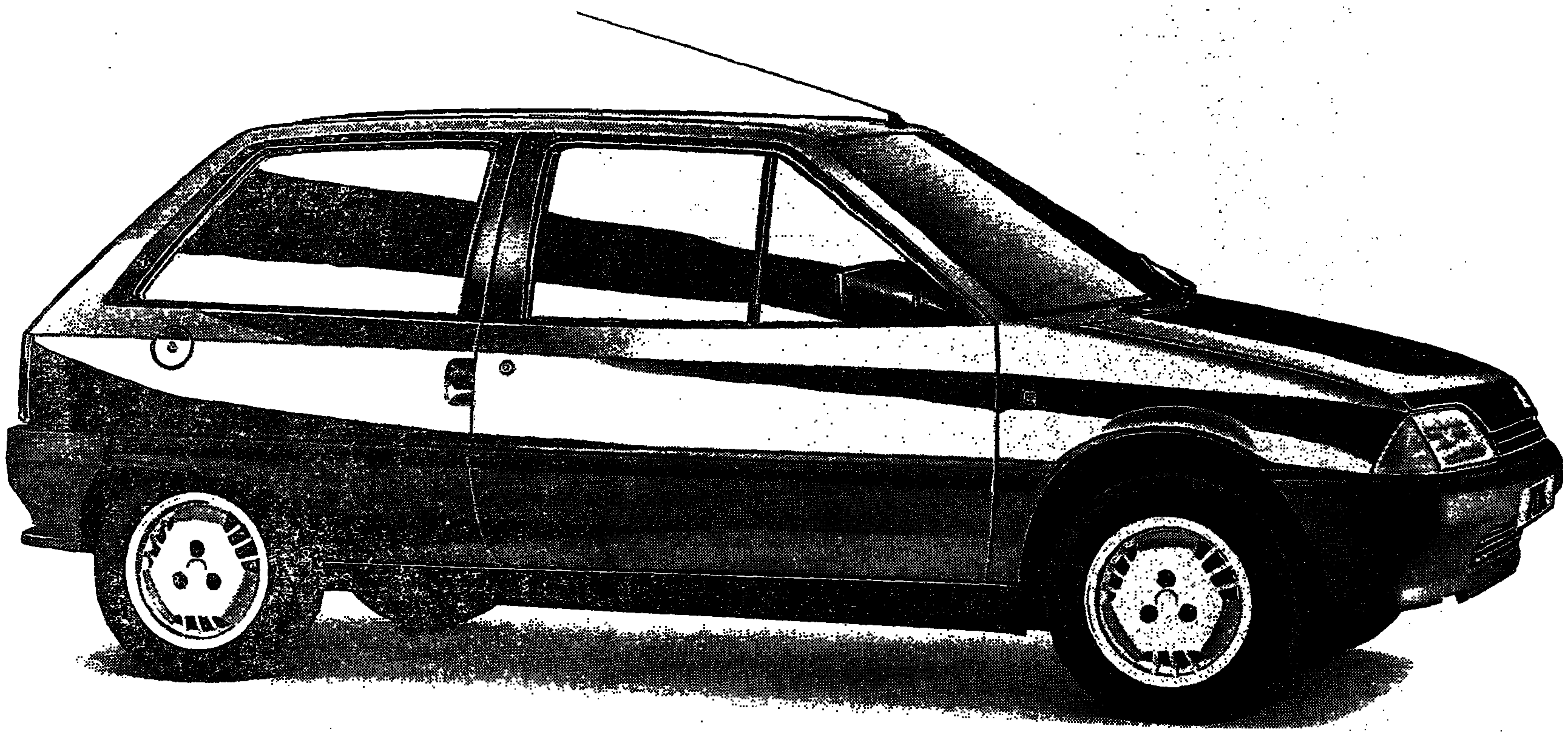

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Power workers step up opposition to privatization plans

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Union leaders will today claim the decision of the Central Electricity Generating Board to postpone plans for a coal-fired station at Fawley, Hampshire, means the Government must drop or amend its decision to privatize the electricity industry.

The planned station has been put in doubt because the board has been unable to obtain guarantees that it would be able to sell to the distribution companies the power it produced.

At a conference organized by the TUC today, union leaders, opposition politicians and industry experts, will examine the effect of the *proposals on industry and the* environment.

Yesterday the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU) called for "effective opposition" to privatization before legislation comes before Parliament at the end of next month.

The union said many vital questions remained unanswered.

The union wanted to know how an effective regulatory system will be introduced to ensure both continued security of supply and a fair pricing system for the consumer; how will the current merit order system, which ensures the cost effective operation of generating plant, be replaced and how will a nuclear power programme be financed and operated in the future?

The union said: "For the good of our members and the whole of the country, these vital issues must be tackled effectively in Parliament. Flawed legislation must not be allowed to slip through unchallenged and unaltered."

● British Coal, faced in the next Parliament with what Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, describes as the "ultimate privatization", could see its financial plans for breaking even wrecked by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM).

Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president, is understood to have wanted an immediate ballot for industrial action in protest against *the alleged refusal* by the board to negotiate on wages and conditions.

However the decision on whether to order a ballot of the 90,000 members will be taken by 200 delegates meeting in Sheffield on Wednesday.

They will decide whether to call for a ban on overtime.

As they meet, at Sheffield Wednesday's football ground, the 25,000 members of the rival Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) will be balloting on whether to accept a two- year pay deal worth at least 12 per cent.

In a move that will increase pressure on the already divided NUM, the executive of the UDM has recommended acceptance of the deal which will increase wages from tomorrow by 6 per cent with a *further 12-month increase in* line with inflation from next November.

Crucial to the deal is the agreement that, for a bonus payment of £100, the UDM members will agree to abandon their fixed two-week summer holiday period.

The NUM and British Coal have failed to hold across-the-table talks on wages since the *1984-85 strike. The union has* since then had wage rises, which were negotiated by the UDM, imposed on it.

Young saviour of ancient lake

Elsbeth Jarvis, aged 10, stands on the banks of the 400-year-old lake she helped to save from developers. They planned to build 80 houses around the Hooe and Radford lake at Plymstock, Devon, and drain part of it. The lake is home to many birds and hedgerow creatures. In her two-year battle to save it, Elsbeth organized petitions, compiled a radio programme, appeared on television and before a public inquiry. For her efforts, she won £2,500 in the Ford Conservation Awards and received a trophy from Prince Edward. She has given the money to the Radford Preservation Society, one of several groups which combined to oppose the plans. Her next battle is to stop a quarry planned for an unspecified site in the area. "Any developers planning unwanted schemes had better be careful", she said. "We have won one battle and we know how to get together to protest."

(Photograph: Nick Rogers).

Yard look at jurors' criminal contacts

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

The relatives and backgrounds of randomly-selected jurors at London trials may be checked with police files in a research project by a Scotland Yard working party into the police and jury system.

The research would investigate widespread allegations that jurors with criminal connections could influence jury decisions in London courts. It could be used by the police to demand greater checks on potential jurors and more use of the Crown's powers to stand down doubtful jurors.

However, such a proposal is likely to fuel debate on allegations of attempts by the Crown to influence jury composition when defence rights of preremptory challenge are ended.

The police said the names of randomly-selected jurors would be checked against police intelligence at the end of trials. Those records included the activities and suspected activities of known criminals as well as relatives and friends who may not have criminal records.

The project would need the *agreement of the Lord Chancellor* . the Home Office and the Attorney General.

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'British' Nissans accepted by Italy

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Italy has accepted imports of the British-made Nissan cars which the French claim are being built with insufficient EEC-sourced components.

The French protests caused a political dispute between London and Paris last month, but negotiations are continuing over whether the cars should be counted as British, thus freeing them from Japanese import quotas.

However, Italy, which maintains tougher restrictions than the French on imports of Japanese cars, has accepted the first shipment of 300 Nissans built in Sunderland. Sales could reach 3,000 in Italy next year.

Italy had previously blocked the sale of the Triumph Acclaim, which is based on a model produced by Honda, claiming that it failed to qualify for UK status in spite of being built by Austin Rover at Cowley, Oxford.

On that ocassion it took several months of high-level talks before the cars were allowed to go on sale in Italy.

The Nissan imports have gone ahead in spite of protests from the chairmen of Renault and Peugeot, the two big French car manufacturers, that the Nissan Bluebird must attain 80 per cent local content rather than the widely accepted level of 60 per cent. The Government is now waiting for the result of negotiations between Lord Cockfield, one of its European Commissioners, and the French Government over the status of the Bluebird. Nissan is on the verge of using up its 1988 allocation of 1,000 cars for import to France.

● The Ford Escort, Britain's best selling car, has fared badly in an American safety survey which indicates that injury insurance claims are significantly higher than average for rival models.

The study by the Highway Loss Data Institute over the past three years reveals that claims for personal injury were 40 per cent higher among Escort owners than those driving the rival Volkswagen Golf. The US Escort is similar to the British model. The Korean-built Hyundai was the worst for injury claims.

The best was the Mercedes S class. Jaguar's XJ6 emerged as the seventh safest with injury claims averaging just 54 per cent of the norm.

Volvo, in spite of its strong reputation for safety, was regarded less favourably than the Saab 9000 among medium-sized cars. However, the Volvo 240 was the safest estate car.

Motorway repairs

Start next year on delayed M1 link

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Invitations to tender for the contract to build the first section of the M1-A1 link, which will bypass Kettering, went out last week. But there are fears that serious delays may be developing in the construction of one of Britain's most important road projects.

Construction of the road, which will be nearly 47 miles long, and is estimated to cost £126 million, was to begin this autumn but work on the first section is not now expected to begin until next spring.

The road has been regarded as a top priority because it provide a good quality route from the West Midlands to the east coast ports.

It had been scheduled to be completed in 1971, but a Department of Transport official told representatives of local councils last week that he could not say when the road would be completed, because of a review of the department's roads programme.

Major roadworks from this weekend:

London and the South-east

M25 Surrey: Contraflow jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/Staines); reduced to two lanes at jn 12 (M3).
M1 Hertfordshire: Slip road closures at jn 8 (Hemel Hempstead); only northbound exit slip open.
M20 Kent: Lane restrictions jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/Cheriton); drainage work with lane closures on both carriageways jns 9 and 13 (Ashford/Folkestone). Channel tunnel project restrictions jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/Cheriton).
M40 Buckinghamshire: Outside lane closures jns 1 and 4 (A40/A404), crash barrier repairs.
M40 Buckinghamshire: Hard shoulder closed jns 4 and 5 (A404/Thame) for survey work from 08.00 until 17.00.
M40 Buckinghamshire: Contraflow jns 6 and 7 (*Watlington/Thame*).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: Contraflow jns 4 and 4A (Bromsgrove/M42)
M54, Shropshire: Eastbound lane closures jn 4 (A462/A464).

North

M63 Greater Manchester: Barton Bridge, two lane narrow contraflow jns 1 and 3 (M62/Barton) plus slip lane closures.
M63 Greater Manchester: Contraflow jns 3 and 6 (Barton/A6144): only one lane open in both directions; long delays; contraflow jns 12 and 13 (A5145/A560); eastbound entry slip closed at jn 12.
M62 West Yorkshire: Contraflow jns 24 and 25 (Huddersfield/A644) for roadworks.

Wales and West

M4 West Glamorgan: Restrictions jns 40 to 48 (A4107/A4138)
M5 Somerset: Lane closures jns 23 and 25 (A38/Taunton).
M5 Gloucestershire: southbound jns 9 and 14 (Tewkesbury/A38) outside and hard shoulder closed.

Scotland

M8 Lothian: Inside lane closed jns 3 and 4 (Livingstone/Bathgate).
M9 central region: Lane closures jn 9 (M80) and 10 (Craigforth).
M74 Strathclyde: South bound lane closure at jn 5 (A725) for bridge work.
M74 Strathclyde: Contraflow jns 7 and 8 (Lanark/A71) for bridge painting.
M74 Strathclyde: South of jn 10 (B7078) contraflow for bridge joint repairs.
M8 Strathclyde: Outside lane closed jns 22 and 23 (M77/Govan)
M80 Central Region: Single lane northbound jns 4 and 5 (A80/M876)

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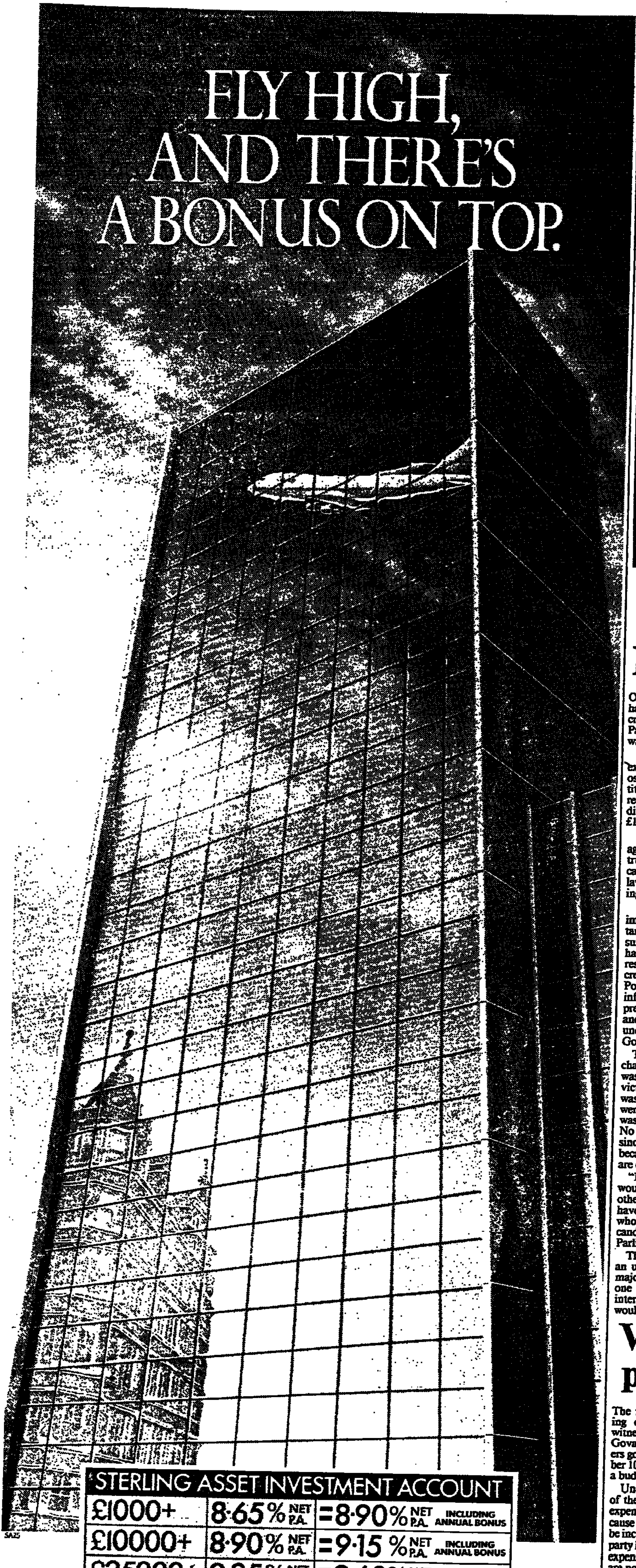

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WHITEHALL BRIEF by David Walker

Official art of asset-stripping

If Mr Bryan Emmett, chief executive of the Education Assets Board was not a genial type, he would surely qualify for the title of Asset-Stripper General.

For that, ultimately, is his job. He has the legal power to transfer out of the ownership of local authorities the land and buildings claimed by opting-out schools and colleges. He is aware that what looks like a playing field could, come next April, look very much like a lucrative site for a residential or shopping development.

Mr Emmett, aged 47, is an under-secretary on secondment from the Department of Energy. Normally he would return there in about two years. However, times are not normal. It is a moot point whether there will be a Department of Energy for much longer, as the privatization of electricity and coal proceeds.

Who knows, Mr Emmett might have acquired a taste for property speculation or even, as a career official who joined the Civil Service at the age of 16 and worked up through the ranks, for running his own college.

First, he has to acquit himself well in what could still be a tricky job, although the present passivity of local authorities will ensure him a fairly easy passage.

Mr Bryan Emmett: Aiming to reduce conflict.

Once, they would have shouted loudly about the carving up of property portfolios; now they are beaten. Only two or thre-e are going to "fight bitterly", he says.

A close parallel to the assets board is the London Residuary Body, which handles the administrative debris of the Greater London Council. Opposition to it has died.

Mr Emmett's problems are likely to come as much from above as from below. Various auditors will keep a close eye on property transfers he manages.

The Audit Commission, which was berating councils recently for not exploiting property holdings with enough vigour, will want to know that it has driven the hardest bargain.

The National Audit Office, on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General, will want to know how well endowed the "higher education corporations" will be when they assume their new status, especially if the Department of Education and the Treasury make assumptions about windfall gains and subtract appropriate sums from their budgets.

A twist in the tale is that the opted-out polytechnics will be free to sell playing fields and unused chemistry laboratories, but what they do with the money will be controlled strictly by the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council, which means in effect by the Treasury. The assets board has the power to over-ride any covenants imposed on the use of land by councils.

The board has an accountant chairman appointed by the Department of Education, which is keeping tabs on Mr Emmett's staff and spending. However, the department has relinquished the detailed operations of property transfer to him.

Polytechnics and colleges which dislike his adjudications over whether a council building really belongs to them have no right of appeal. Councils can go to the Secretary of State for Education and, in theory (and at some cost to ratepayers), apply for a judicial review of any decision.

However, Mr Emmett is seeking to minimize conflict. "We've got to try and be honest brokers", he says. He speaks of his "clients" who will judge him on whether the 66 colleges opting out of council control on April 1 next year are clear about their assets and can begin to make better use of them.

Using solicitors in private practice in six regions, and surveyors where necessary, the Education Assets Board will build up experience with polytechnics and colleges then shift its focus to schools, which are expected to opt out from next spring.

Mr Emmett has decided to base the board's 25-strong bureaucracy in Leeds, saying that saves up to £200,000 on a London location.

By-election candidates run the budget gauntlet

As Glasgow Govan prepares to go to the polls next week, election agents struggle to keep within cripplingly tight budgets. Times writers have been looking at how the problem has caused difficulties elsewhere in the past.

One political party is said to have spent £180,000 on a crucial by-election in the last Parliament. The legal limit was barely £5,000.

That was by all accounts exceptional. Nonetheless those involved in some of the titanic by-election contests of recent years believe expenditure of between £25,000 and £100,000 is commonplace.

One experienced former agent told *The Times*: "If the truth be told, many agents and candidates have broken the law in by-elections by spending vastly over the limit."

The sums spent reflect the importance that parliamentary by-elections have assumed. The centre parties have depended on spectacular results to give them political credibility and momentum. Poor results for Labour reinforce the damaging impression that it is unelectable, and for the Conservatives undermine the standing of the Government.

The last candidate to be challenged over his expenses was Bill Pitt, the Alliance victor in Croydon, but that was in 1981 when by-elections were far less sophisticated. He was not proceeded against. No by-election candidate since has been challenged because all parties know they are equally vulnerable.

"If I had been challenged I would have challenged all the other parties and it would have blown the lid off the whole charade", a Labour candidate in one of the last Parliament's by-elections said.

The agent said: "It's almost an unwritten rule among the major parties not to challenge one another It's not in their interest to open up what would be a hornets' nest."

However the main parties are sailing ever closer to the wind and all believe that sooner or later someone is going to come unstuck.

The penalties for conviction under the 1983 Representation of the People Act include disqualification from office if the candidate won, a fine of up to £2,000 for both agent and candidate, and the possibility of a criminal prosecution which could lead to imprisonment.

It is not generally known that any elector can go to his local council offices after a parliamentary by-election and challenge a candidate's expenses return. Some past returns were patently ridiculous and would barely withstand even the most cursory investigation.

Agents who have spoken to *The Times* admit either to outright law-breaking, or to bending the law to its absolute limit.

The process starts in the period between the death or resignation of the sitting MP and the moving of the by-election writ.

All parties campaign always hard during this time through leaflets, newsletters and newspaper advertising in which the prospective candidate features prominently.

None of this expense is declared. If challenged the parties would argue that they were promoting themselves rather than a candidate whose formal adoption they invariably delay until after the writ is moved.

All election expense returns will list spending on leaflets, posters, telephone calls and hiring halls but, except for the halls, which are checkable, the sums declared will usually be a fraction of the real costs.

So complex are modern by-elections that each party now produces a plethora of leaflets and newsletters directed at particular groups or areas. Their costs will be grossly understated.

Intensive telephone canvassing is another feature of modern by-elections. According to the agents, this would sometimes be done from private homes and not declared. Alternatively parties might install at least half a dozen extra telephone lines at the local headquarters but declare the bills of just one or two.

Each national party owns a wealth of computer and printing equipment which it moves to its by-election headquarters. For the use of this the local agent may not always declare a full commercial rate.

Campaign costs and ordinary day to day costs may be hard to quantify, depending on whether a party has a permanent office in a by-election constituency.

If a building is lent by a friendly organization "the agent will put in the lowest notional rent he thinks he can defend", one of the agents said.

A former Labour candidate described the moment his agent presented him with his expenses return to sign.

"I looked at the figures and said how very skillful he had been in keeping the expenditure within the limit. My whole attitude was that I couldn't afford to ask too many questions on this because the system is such that it is impossible to run a by-election within the legal limits.

"You simply cannot do it. If you don't have the same staff and equipment as your opponent, it is likely to be electoral suicide."

However the agents are alarmed at the risks their politicians are expecting them to take. One said: "I think it is very unfair on the agents. They are putting their lives, their families and even their careers at stake."

Another said: "Politicians are putting professional agents under great pressure. They get carried away with the excitement of the whole thing."

At present election expenses are limited to £3,370 plus 3.8 pence per elector in county constituencies and 2.9 pence per elector in borough constituencies.

The Home Office told *The Times*: "The election expenses are regularly raised in line with inflation before general elections and we have no reason to think from the response of the parties that these expenses are inadequate."

Naturally the main parties do not want the limits raised significantly for general elections because they are fighting up to 650 seats and the extra expense would be colossal.

However those approached by *The Times* all agree that modern parliamentary by-elections are a different animal, that the limit should be set much, much higher.

Visits and posters push up expenses

The financial difficulties facing election agents can be witnessed at the Glasgow Govan by-election, where voters go to the polls on November 10. Each party is limited to a budget of £4,825.51.

Under the Representation of the People Act, 1983, any expense that advances the cause of the candidate should be included. So, is the visit of a party heavyweight an electoral expense? Agents argue they are not.

The Conservatives are being visited by, among others, Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr George Younger, Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr Teddy Taylor. Labour is looking forward to appearances by Mr Neil Kinnock, Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Gordon Brown and Mr Frank Dobson.

Their air fares, hotel bills, meals and travel expenses would account for a substantial slice of the permitted £4,825 if they were included in the Govan agents' returns. So would the petrol bills for cars used by volunteers and party workers and the cost of party-owned campaign vehicles, such as the Scottish National Party's "Snappy Bus".

Mr Jimmy Allison, Labour's Scottish organizer and by-election agent, told *The Times* that the party's election pamphlet, to be delivered to each of the constituency's 50,190 voters, will cost well over £1,000. And bills for stickers and posters advertising meetings must also be budgeted.

Labour has also installed two extra telephone lines costing about £120 apiece. Calls, many at peak rates, must also be included. The party hired a bus for £20 last weekend, but plan to bring Labour's own campaign bus later.

Mr Allison said that senior party figures, such as Mr Michael Meacher, were paying for their constituency visits to help with expenses.

One Govan Conservative Party insider questioned the idea that a main party faced with a crucial election could really keep within the limits. On the question of computer usage, the insider said: "It could be argued that this facility is an electoral cost.It is utterly naive to think that political parties start off from a base of zero expense."

Mr Douglas Robinson, the Govan Conservative Party said : "I am working to the allowance, but the ceiling is too low. the Conservatives expect to spend up to 65 per cent of their budget on leaflets. The party rooms are expected to cost a further £60 a week. Mr Robinson says the party would like to run a poster campaign and a bus, but cannot afford to.

The SNP expects to spend 60 per cent of its budget on electoral addresses. It is also paying for rooms, computers, a facsimile machine and three new telephone lines.

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Law Society leads move to ease remand cell 'squalor'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Home Secretary will be urged this week to take swift action on the growing problem of remand prisoners held in police or court cells.

A group of lawyers, justices' clerks, probation officers and police, co-ordinated by the Law Society, will present a package of proposals to Mr Douglas Hurd which is likely to call for judges and magistrates to inspect conditions in remand cells in courts and police stations. It will also suggest a centrally-administered "clearing house" for bail hostels to ensure best use of existing spaces and for more bail information schemes.

The group also wants the Home Secretary to set up a working party to report by Christmas.

Almost one in five of remand prisoners are held in police or court cells because of prison overcrowding. The problem was confined initially to London but is now seriously affecting the Northwest, where 1,000 prisoners are held outside prisons.

This week's joint initiative coincides with the submission to Mr Hurd of a dossier from the London Criminal Courts' Solicitors' Association which cites some of the most worrying cases.

The conditions of police and court cells vary, it says, but many are underground and "there have been cases of men and women not seeing daylight for up to a fortnight". There have also been instances of women in shared cells where one sleeps on the bed and the other on a mattress on the floor.

Many cells have no showers and some prisoners may have to go without a bath for a week.

Prison rules, which give prisoners certain rights, do not apply and the right of access to legal advisers out of hearing of prison officers, is not safeguarded.

Some of the cases outlined by the association include: a man with a mental age of nine, several times accused of indecency with small boys, spent his first few months on remand in five different police stations. Under prison rules, such a person would usually be segregated to spare them assaults from other prisoners, but these rules do not apply in police cells.

A woman alleged to have murdered her husband and who attempted suicide was sent to a police station in east London where officers admitted they could not cope with her. At their insistence the Home Office agreed she should return to prison.

A youth aged 15, detained at a West End police station, was locked up for 23 hours a day and held with adult prisoners. Although the Prison Act provides for education for those under 16, he was not visited by a teacher.

The association acknowledges various steps taken by the Home Office to tackle the problem, such as advising magistrates on a more uniform approach to bail. But it says more action is necessary and that magistrates should be more careful when imposing a surety for bail.

Mr Geoffrey Bayes, the association's secretary, said: "Often bail is granted on condition of a surety of a certain sum when the accused has no chance whatever of raising such a surety."

'Lager-lout' speeches condemned

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Ministerial pronouncements about thugs, hooligans and "lager louts" are criticized in a report by the Prison Reform Trust today.

They could lead magistrates to believe that those aged between 17 and 20 are uniquely brutish, amoral and in need of stricter punishment, it says.

More and longer prison sentences for young adult offenders could turn amateur delinquents into professional crooks and increase the chances of re-offending. Sentencing of young adults was a "a lottery which sanctions inequality and injustice".

It points out that young adults are punished far more severely than juveniles with similar backgrounds.

One in five of the prison population is aged between 17 and 20, the report says. In Durham and Humberside those between the ages of 17 and 20 are almost twice as likely to receive an adult custodial sentence as an adult offender.

It rejects proposals for sentencing based on tagging or banning orders because such *measures might just be used as* an alternative to established community-based sentences.

***Teenagers, Prisons and the Courts* (Prison Reform Trust, 59 Caledonian Road, London N1 9BU. £1).**

Minister faces up to life at 40

Off duty: Lord Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, at home with his son, James, aged seven, daughter, Iona, aged 10, and dog, Miffy.

Lord Caithness, who celebrates his fortieth birthday next Thursday, was indulging in what he said was his favourite pastime, being with his family. He said: "I spend most of my time in London, where I have a small flat, and get home to the country whenever I can."

The earl has enjoyed a meteoric rise to become minister for housing. He said: "I never envisaged in my late twenties that I would go into the Government. I was always keen on politics and now that I'm in it I'm very fortunate to have the opportunities I've had."

He said he harboured an ambition to enter the Foreign Office. "I've now got my first love, which is environment and housing, so I don't want to go yet."

He said he was anxious to resolve a difference with a local council at Wick, north-east Scotland, which has threatened to take action against allegedly dangerous conditions at his ancestral home.

Mr Robert Ferguson, the council's director of environmental health, alleged yesterday that visitors to the earl's official seat at Castle Girnigoe, the fifteenth-century castle on Sinclair Bay, and the adjacent Sinclair Castle, were in danger from crumbling stones and precipitous cliffs.

Lord Caithness said yesterday: "I am in discussion with the local authority and I am also concerned about the state of the castles. I am anxious that the matter should be resolved."

(Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Tycoon's treasure doubles estimates

SALEROOM

By Jenny Gilbert

New world auction price records were set at Sotheby's, New York, almost hourly at a two-day sale of 509 lots of Old Masters, silver and furniture on Saturday.

The collection belonged to Claus von Bulow, the tycoon who was convicted but later cleared of trying to kill his wife with insulin injections in order to claim her $50 million fortune. The sale total of $11.5 million (£6,601,700) doubled Sotheby's estimate and only 11 lots were unsold.

Price records included $880,000 (£517,600) for an English commode, $518,000 (£245,900) for a pair of English mirrors, $209,000 (£123,000) for a needlepoint carpet.

Top lot was a pair of silver soup tureens made in 1822 by Paul Storr of London. Sotheby's described them as "the best outside *Windsor Castle*".

An anonymous telephone bidder secured them at $924,000 (£543,500), three times the estimate, just topping a pair of tureens made for Napoleon's mother as the most expensive silver sold in America.

Nearly all the buyers of the top lots preferred to remain anonymous at the sale. Although there was a large English contingent there, it was the American dealers who spent most money.

Ultimate beneficiaries of the sale are likely to include von Bulow's two step-children who dropped a $56 million suit against him last year after agreeing to share their mother's estate with Cosima von Bulow, their half-sister.

Christie's first foray into Northern Ireland on Friday night culminated in a round of applause when a bright, stylized landscape by John Luke became the most expensive Irish painting, at £176,000. Previous auction records for the artist, who died in 1975, were under £10,000.

The Belfast country scene executed in a mannerist, 1930s style, was said to have taken a year to paint using the medium, of tempera, giving the picture a luminous quality. It was sent for auction by the Senior Commonroom of Queen's College, Belfast University.

● A golden hare which began a national treasure hunt is expected to make between £4,000 and £7,000 at Sotheby's on December 5.

It is the main asset of Haresoft, a computer games company at Kimbolton in Cambridgeshire, which developed a game based on the treasure hunt popularized by Kit William's best-selling book, *Masquerade*. The book contained clues to the site where the hare was hidden and it was discovered by chance in Ampthill, Bedfordshire in 1982.

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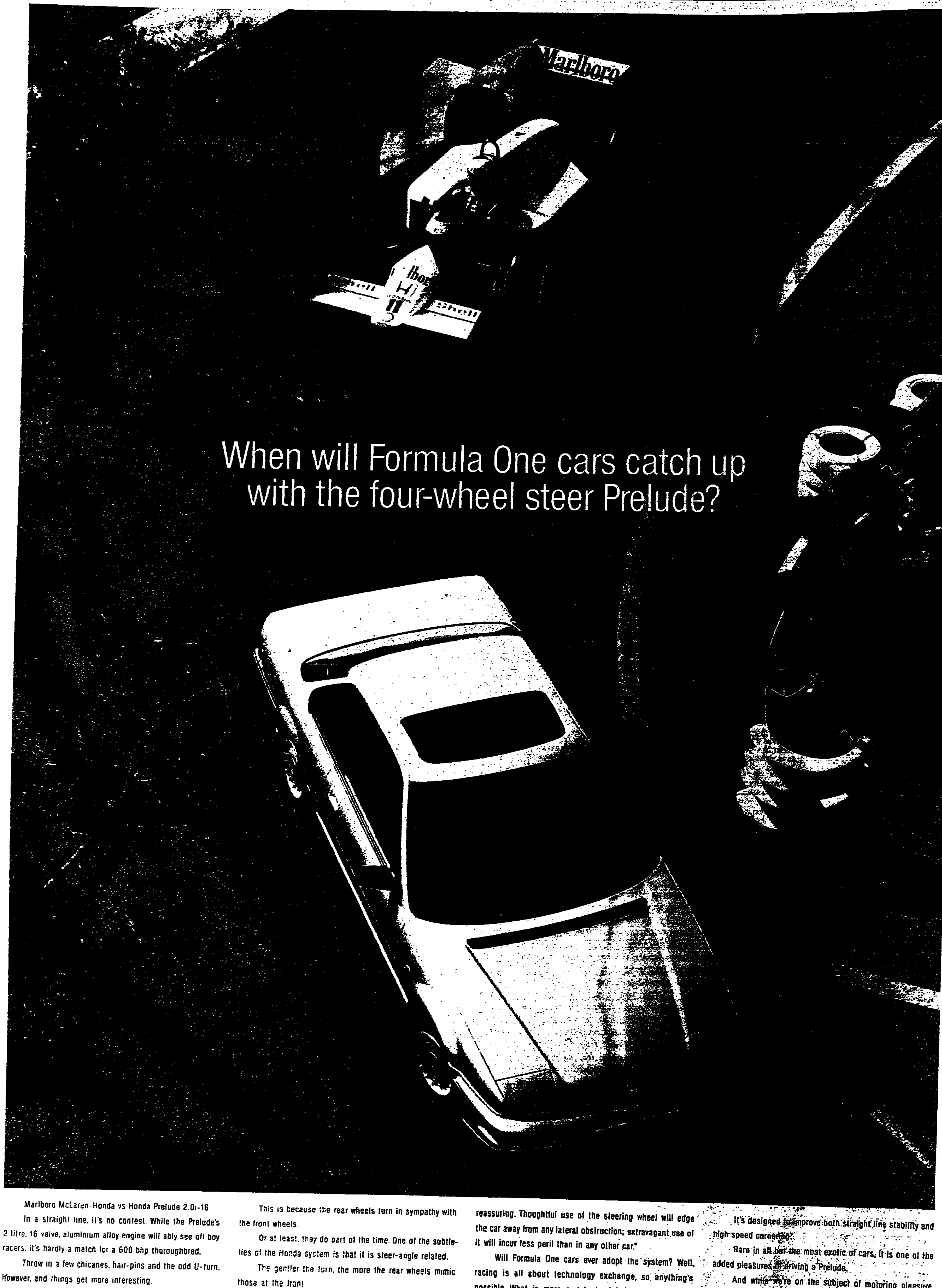
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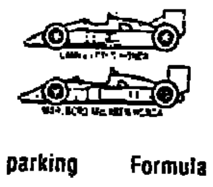

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Poll surge puts new fire in Dukakis

From Charles Bremner, Bakersfield, California and Michael Binyon, Washington

Governor Michael Dukakis, buoyed up by a sudden turn in the electoral tide, staged a Harry Truman-style "whistle-stop" train tour of California's Central Valley yesterday, proclaiming "I am on your side."

Gleefully he told his first crowd, at Bakersfield, an industrial town at the head of the great Californian heartland: "We're closing that gap."

Then his "Victory Express" clanked out of the Santa Fe station on its journey north.

The Democratic presidential candidate owed his sudden emergence from last week's doldrums to polls that show him cutting into the strong lead enjoyed for the past six weeks by Vice-President George Bush.

US ELECTION

Both campaigns say they have detected the shift in their private daily polls, and it was reflected by a 50 per cent drop in Mr Bush's lead in a survey by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Mr Bush is estimated still to enjoy an overall lead of at least seven points, but the Democrats say his momentum has been broken. In particular, they say, this has brought victory within reach in states crucial for Dukakis — California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

But non-partisan experts said the governor still faced a nearly impossible task to garner the majority of electoral votes by November 8.

The governor's staff yesterday claimed they had "smoked-out" Mr Bush from the imperial isolation that he adopted as his campaign style about a month ago.

After months shunning interviews, Mr Bush announced at the weekend that he would consent to several television appearances. Today he will record an interview with NBC, and advisers are considering a five interview with Dan Rather, the CBS anchorman with whom he had a row during the primaries.

And in a further sign of unease, Mr Bush broke his practice of ignoring Dukakis attacks by responding quickly to his opponent's claim that he was trying to protect the interests of the wealthy. He said Mr Dukakis was trying to divide Americans by class, but that the American people would not be fooled.

At an earlier fund-raising event in the Los Angeles home of Bob Hope, the entertainer, Mr Bush had insisted "we're not going to be talking on the negative side anymore", and promised a "kinder, gentler finish for this campaign". But a senior aide said that there were no plans to remove television advertisements portraying the Massachusetts prison programme as a "revolving door".

Aides also said that there would be no change in Mr Bush's style. They are concentrating in the final week on the big swing states, such as Michigan, Ohio and California. They are also fighting for some traditionally Republican sparse states, such as Montana and South Dakota, where Bush support is far from solid.

Vice-President Bush pressing the flesh amid a sea of supporters at a Republican campaign rally in Chicago at the weekend.

In California, the biggest prize in the campaign, the Bush lead has been cut to about four points from 11 a week ago, the Dukakis team said yesterday.

The Massachusetts governor almost certainly has his switch to an aggressive, populist approach to thank for the advance in his fortunes. His simplified message has been harmonized with a spate of television commercials ridiculing Mr Bush for "falsifying" the governor's record.

Mr Dukakis has jettisoned some of his more abstract language and hit hard on "us against them" themes which the Republicans are calling class war. Adapted for the rural areas yesterday, the "I'm on your side" message was: "George Bush wants to help people who live high off the hog (that is, who live well). We want to help the people in this country who raise hogs."

On Saturday, he hardened his emerging protectionist stance by issuing a statement assailing a decision by the Reagan Administration to reject a petition from rice growers seeking access to the Japanese market. This contrasted strongly with Mr Dukakis's attacks on the protectionist views of his rivals for the Democratic nomination earlier this year, and provided more fuel for Mr Bush's recent charges that his rival is inciting xenophobia.

Both sides say Mr Dukakis is making the bulk of his gains among Democrats who have felt a weak commitment to their party. These are the people, many of them lower middle-class "Reagan Democrats", who the governor is targeting in central California and in the industrial Midwest.

To boost his standing with these more conservative Democrats, Mr Dukakis he has arranged extraordinary media exposure for Mr Lloyd Bentsen, his conservative running mate, this week.

In a televised address last night, Mr Bentsen, far more popular in the polls that Mr Dukakis, said that Mr Bush was "trying to trash the truth" with a "campaign that divides America".

Trouble brews for Democrats as Jackson claims top role

From Christopher Thomas
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

With defeat still the most likely prospect for Governor Michael Dukakis in next week's election, a bitter fight is developing for control of the Democratic Party, with a body of mainstream party activists determined to block the Rev Jesse Jackson's future presidential ambitions.

The party could face its most bitter internal divisions since Vietnam and the segregationist battles with Governor George Wallace of Alabama a generation ago. Already there are signs of the emergence of a strong "stop Jackson" movement.

In a lengthy interview with *The Times* on his nine-seater Falcon campaign jet, Mr Jackson acknowledged that he had many opponents within the party hierarchy and noted grimly that somebody had to be blamed when things went wrong.

But he made it clear that he intended to fight for a dominant role in formulating party policy. He rejected adamantly the notion that his liberal policies were splitting the Democrats and frightening away conservative whites, particularly in the South. He attacked Vice-President George Bush's constant use of the word "liberal", calling it a code-word with racist overtones.

"Bush is keenly aware of what he is doing," he said. "He is polarizing the country and exploiting people's fears to get votes. If the country becomes drunk on racial sickness we will lose our moral authority, we will lose the opportunity to do what we could do to bring about racial justice in this country and peace in the world."

Asked if he was calling Mr Bush a racist, he replied: "I choose to say he is race-conscious. He is being rather cavalier about a rather serious matter, injuring the feelings and confidence of the American people. You may win that way, but you can't very well govern that way."

He accused Republicans of spreading false rumours that he would become Secretary of State in a Dukakis administration.

"This is an attempt to use the empowerment of blacks to threaten whites, and therefore to incite them to irrational behaviour," he said. He had not been offered any job, nor had he sought one.

Mainstream Democrats believe the party must move back to the political centre if it is to have any chance of capturing the White House in 1992. The attempt to restrain Mr Jackson's influence comes at the very time when the defeat of Mr Dukakis would leave the Baptist preacher as the leading figure in the party.

"I am driven by a sense of purpose," he said. "The struggle for me is not to campaign for a job; it is a question of justice and peace, and that is an eternal struggle."

Although nobody doubts that Mr Jackson will make another presidential bid in 1992 or 1996, he insisted that he had not decided if he would seek the Democratic nomination. In rejecting criticism that he was dividing the party, he said: "I have worked to expand the party. I have worked to heal, by saying there is room for progressives and conservatives, for the left wing and right wing. It takes two wings to fly."

He refuted suggestions that he had not campaigned actively for Mr Dukakis since the national convention in Atlanta in July, giving the impression that he was less than enthusiastic about the presidential nominee.Certainly he has seemed to damn Mr Dukakis with faint praise, declaring on one occasion that the governor might not be inspirational but "we the people can provide the passion, and he can provide the priorities".

He said he had travelled more miles since the convention than either Mr Dukakis or Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the vice-presidential contender. But the television networks had not been focusing on him, giving the impression that he had not been active. Despite his denial, his speeches do contain only a minimum of references to Mr Dukakis, and he did seem to retreat from the campaign after a string of slights from the Dukakis camp in the summer.

It was even suggested at one time by Democratic campaign officials that he stay away from states where he might offend conservative white Democrats.

"I campaign where I choose," he said pointedly as his campaign jet headed to California for two more rallies, having just completed a rousing oration to the Congress of American Indians in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mr Jackson described the 1988 campaign as low and ugly, with the use of those race-conscious signals to incite fears in whites.

"Reagan used the mythical welfare queen in 1980, suggesting that black women were robbing the economy," he said. "Bush is using the image of a black criminal, suggesting that blacks are raping society."

WORLD ROUNDUP

Eta victim freed after 249 days

Madrid – After 249 days in captivity, the longest-held kidnap victim of Eta, the Basque separatist terrorist organization, was set free early yesterday near his Madrid home (A Correspondent writes). Señor Emiliano Revilla, aged 60, right, who made his fortune from manufacturing processed foods and sausages, was said to have paid more than £7.5 million for his release. His delighted family said that he was in excellent health and that his captors had fed him "very well", even giving him a cake to take home. Maria José Saiz, a Spanish journalist, achieved the scoop of a lifetime when she spotted Señor Revilla waiting for traffic lights to change before crossing the road in front of his home immediately after his release.

Canada poll surprise

Ottawa – The campaign for the November 21 Canadian election has taken a dramatic turn with the publication by the Angus Reid organization of an opinion poll showing a massive surge of support for the Liberals, who are now running neck-and-neck with the governing Conservatives (John Best writes). Only a month ago the Liberals were running third behind the Tories and the left-wing New Democratic Party; in the latest survey, the Liberals and the Conservatives each have 35 per cent and the New Democrats 28 per cent.

The survey appears to confirm the widespread perception that Mr John Turner, the Liberal leader, got the better of Mr Brian Mulroney, the Prime Minister, in last week's gruelling debates on national television. Mr Turner attacked the Prime Minister ferociously on the free-trade agreement he has signed with the United States.

French toll campaign

***Paris** – French television* programmes were *interrupted* yesterday for progress reports on Operation Drapeau Blanc, the campaign for the All Saints' holiday weekend aimed at reducing the road toll (A Correspondent writes). Antenne 2, the state TV channel, set up a studio to compare the weekend accident figures with those of 1983, an identical holiday weekend, in which 209 people died. At noon yesterday there had been 59 deaths, compared with 90 at the same time five years ago. The Government last week announced a series of measures to bring deaths below the 10,000-a-year level. They include more strict testing of vehicles from next year, on-the-spot fines in some cases and a British-style points system for licences.

Danube dam protest

Budapest (Reuter) – More than 1,000 Hungarians gathered here yesterday to seek support against the building of the Nagymaros dam, which they say will destroy scenery and wildlife and contaminate the Danube, central Europe's largest source of drinking water. Protesters draped the slogan "Democracy without the Dam" outside the Technical University, and organisers said that similar events were being held at 27 cities across the world against the hydroelectric dam. Parliament has ignored advice from Hungary's Academy of Sciences by voting to continue the project.

Mahathir's invitation

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, has invited two political opponents, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, a former Trade and Industry Minister, and Datuk Musa Hitam, a former deputy Prime Minister, to join his 24-member Cabinet in an effort to end the split within his Malay-dominated party.

His decision to create two without-portfolio posts was made without reference to the Cabinet, at the end of a three-day national congress of his United Malays National Organization, which dominates the 13-party ruling coalition.

Arab village divided against itself

Occupation forces family apart

From Ian Murray, Bartaa, on the 'Israeli green line'

Mr Ismail Muhammad Kabaha lives in a modern house in the eastern end of this village and wants Mr Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud party to win the Israeli general election tomorrow.

Mr Kosai Kabaha, his distant cousin, lives in a modern house in the western end of the village and would prefer Mr Shimon Peres and the parties of the left to win.

But the essential difference between them is that Ismail lives in the West Bank and has no vote, while Kosai lives in Israel and does. The "green line", separating Israel from the West Bank territories it occupies, runs through the middle of the village.

In the eastern half, shreds of Palestinian flags hang from the electricity lines, tyre scorch marks blacken the roadway, at least 20 people are in prison, and this month alone four boys have been taken to hospital with gunshot wounds. None of the children goes to school, because the schools have been shut by the authorities for months.

In the western half the houses are obviously more prosperous, there are cars parked outside and big television aerials on the roofs. The children go back and forth to school each day regularly. There are certainly no Israeli flags flying, but there is no feeling for hoisting a Palestinian one, either.

Everyone in the village, on both sides of the green line, has the same surname of Kabaha. "We are all one family here," Ismail said. "Forty years ago we all had one Mukhtar, one Mosque and one school. If somebody lost a goat we all went out and looked for it."

But 40 years ago the village was cut in two along the wadi which runs through the centre. The eastern, more prosperous part was in Jordan. The poorer area was taken by Israel.

White-painted oil barrels blocked the roadway where it crossed the wadi. No one could cross and older villagers still remember the day when a mother in the east was so grief-stricken on learning that her son in the west had died that the authorities only relented enough to allow her to see the body which was brought briefly to the barrels at the border. Even the dead could not cross.

In those days Kosai in the west was jealous of his cousin in the east because he felt that he was under Israeli rule and they were free under Arab rule. Ismail looks back fondly to those days because, he said, he was free to travel anywhere in the world, while his cousins in the west were only allowed to go 2½ miles from home without a permit.

ISRAELI ELECTION

But since 1967, when Israel occupied the West Bank and ended the military rule it applied to Israeli Arabs, their roles have been reversed.

Kosai, aged 42, is headmaster of a school in Jaffa. He has two houses, two cars and a joint income totalling $2,200 (£1,300) a month.

Most precious to him is his vote in the Israeli election. Tomorrow he intends "to punish" Mr Peres for failing to do enough to promote equality between Arabs and Jews.

This means he will vote for Mr Abdul Wahab Daroushe's newly formed Arab Democratic Party, in the hope that this will force Labour to do more for Israeli Arabs. Mr Daroushe, a former Labour Knesset member, split with the party early this year in protest at the way Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Defence Minister, was trying to stamp out the Palestinian uprising.

Nevertheless, Mr Daroushe has already said he will be ready to join a Labour-led coalition and Kosai is not prepared to give his vote to any of the parties which support self-determination for the Palestinians.

Kosai is very conscious and proud, however, of his own privileges: "I can live my own life here. I am abiding with the law. It is a very clear law and I stand by it. I don't have to go off to Germany for a good standard of living. I can survive. It is not perfect but it is acceptable."

He believes that, as an Arab, he is treated as a second-class citizen in the Jewish state, but believes "if there is a peace then there will be no need for them to keep me as a second-class citizen."

If there were peace he would not want to be a Palestinian. The political future of Palestine would be uncertain, he argues, whereas in Israel he has democratic rights and knows he can defend them.

Ismail, aged 45, lives in the east and is a grizzled, unrepentant supporter of the Palestine Liberation Organization, even though he spent four years in an Israeli prison for his membership. He is in charge of three of the voluntary organizations which run village life in the east and he says he is in no way jealous of his cousins in the west.

"They have freedom, we have no freedom," Ismail said. "But in no way at all do I want to be an Arab Israeli. They live under Israeli rule as I do, but I am looking for my freedom, so I have a better situation than they do. I would rather live in a tent on a mountain and be free. It is better than to live in a villa under Israeli rule."

Living standards, already low in the east, have dropped since the start of the uprising.

"But it would be catastrophic if the uprising stopped because then there would be mass arrests and it would be difficult to start again. Forty years ago people ran away if one or two were shot and killed. Now they can kill 50 or more of us but we will stay."

As far as the election is concerned, he hopes the right wins. "Shamir is very clear. He wants the land and says so. Because of their stupidity this will bring a solution. Peres carried a knife in one hand and an olive branch in the other. If he wins there will be talks without results. If Shamir wins he will start a war which is the solution.

"But they are like the black and the red snake. They both bite and kill. Peres is responsible for disasters in the world, and Shamir for terrorism. There is not much difference between disaster and terrorism."

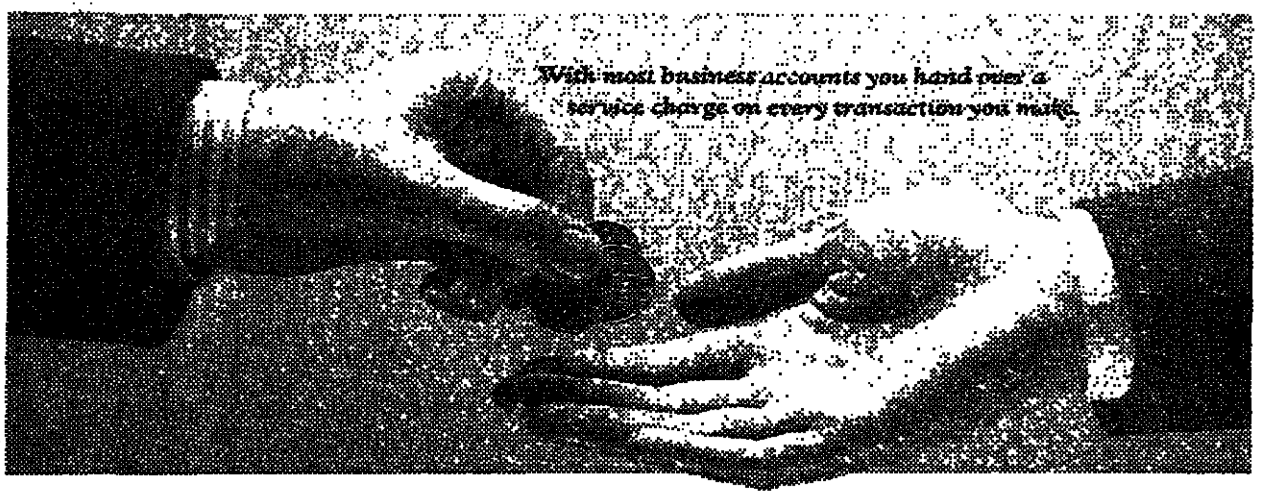
Poll sees voters heading for another dead heat

Jerusalem – A poll published by the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday points to another dead heat between Israel's two main blocks, with the left relying heavily on Arab votes (Ian Murray writes). It shows that the right would win 53 per cent of the Jewish vote, but the balance is likely to be maintained by the Arabs, who remain an unknown quantity.

Some 320,000 Arabs have the right to vote tomorrow, 65,000 more than in 1984. If they voted as a block they could win 16 Knesset seats; but despite calls to vote by the united leadership, the PLO and the Islamic fundamentalist group *Hamas*, a poll just published by a Jerusalem Arab weekly, *al-Bayadar Assiyasi*, suggests that a quarter will abstain as is usual.

The Labour party has lost considerable support among Arabs, and will be doing well if it hangs on to two of its four Arab seats. Growing disenchantment with the party was brought to a head by strong resentment at the way Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Defence Minister, ordered in the troops to beat down the *Palestinian* uprising.

The Arab votes Labour seems likely to lose will still go to the left, but rather to the Communist party or to the Progressive List for Peace, neither of which Mr Peres is prepared to accept in a coalition. The big question mark is the intention of the new generation of voters, who are likely to be much more militant as a result of the uprising.



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Chadli purges party No2 in aftermath of Algerian rioting

By Susan MacDonald

The political clean-up expected in Algeria after this month's serious rioting began at the weekend at the top with the removal by President Chadli Benjedid of his party No2, Mr Mohamed Cherif Messaadia.

The move comes just four days before Algerians vote in a referendum to reform the Constitution.

Mr Messaadia, one of the most influential figures in Algeria, has for years run the Front de Libération Nationale (FLN) party. Long considered the guardian of orthodox socialism, he has recently been the main obstacle to the economic and political reform planned by President Chadli.

The rioting and bloodshed appear to have strengthened the President's hand in his bid to end corruption and unwieldy bureaucracy. The party headquarters in Algiers was ransacked by rioting youths who saw its grip on all walks of life as the reason for their ills. Mr Messaadia had to be protected from the rioters.

In his place President Chadli has nominated Mr Abdelhamid Mehri, another FLN founding member. After filling various ministerial posts he was appointed ambassador to France and then ambassador to Morocco just three months ago.

He is considered a liberal and a pragmatist who will be a presidential ally in the referendum and at the all-important FLN party congress, due in a month. This will designate candidates for next year's presidential election and approve — or fail to approve — the President's reform.

President Chadli has also felt courageous enough to sanction the Army's repressive role in quelling the rioting by removing the head of internal security, General Medjoub Lakhal Ayat, and replacing him with Colonel Mohamed Betchine, former chief of army security.

General Lakhal Ayat, considered the President's man, played a discreet key role in ending the Kuwaiti airline hijacking at Algiers airport in April. Though the President must show he is ready to punish those responsible for using live bullets against unarmed youths, he must also avoid losing the support of both the Army and the FLN.

While the man in the street can only be pleased at these changes, those who stand to lose from a reduction in FLN and army power will be dismayed.

A warning to the President to slow down his drive to change the face of Algeria came just hours after the two men were removed. Eighteen of the original FLN revolutionaries, who have taken a back seat in recent years, signed a petition calling for the postponement of the party congress and the presidential and legislative elections

They also condemned the use of torture which followed the rioting and demanded severe punishment for those involved. But their message is clear: it is not up to one man to decide Algeria's future; its destiny must be put back in the hands of a consensus FLN body.

Baltic republics' quest for autonomy

Gorbachov aide defines limits to tolerance

Glasnost at work: A Soviet officer, right, with members of the US inspection team which arrived in East Berlin yesterday to control observance of the terms of the INF Treaty on the reduction of intermediate-range nuclear weapons in East Germany.

From Philip Taubman
Moscow

The closest Kremlin associate of President Gorbachov says that recently developed grassroots political movements in the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania had legitimate grievances and should be encouraged.

But they will not be allowed to print their own currency, conduct their own diplomacy, or expect to take any other important steps towards becoming independent.

Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, a member of the Politburo and architect of many of Mr Gorbachov's key foreign and domestic policies, said in an interview: "We believe a new status should be elaborated for the constituent republics, and we are working on this."

But he added that many of the ideas were out of touch with reality and that any expectation that the republics could regain the independent status they had before Soviet annexation in 1940 is was "simply unrealistic".

Mr Yakovlev also made the following points:

- The election of Vice-President George Bush or Governor Michael Dukakis as President will not make much difference in Soviet-US relations, because underlying trends are favourable.
- Political change in Eastern Europe poses a threat to Soviet security when it is encouraged and supported directly by the West.
- A return to Stalinism is unthinkable in the Soviet Union, even if Mr Gorbachov's reforms fail.
- The party leadership has made mistakes, and will probably make more, but is flexible and determined to push ahead with change.
- Under a recently adopted reorganization plan, the commission Mr Yakovlev heads will be responsible for developing foreign policy while the Foreign Ministry will handle its day-to-day execution.

In his comments on political activity in the Baltic republics, Mr Yakovlev outlined limits unlikely to satisfy Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians who have joined grassroots movements.

"How can they have their own currency?" he said. "California doesn't have its own currency."

(New York Times)

Moscow (Reuter) — Dr Andrei Sakharov has urged the Memorial movement, set up to commemorate Stalin's victims, not to ignore those who suffered later. He said: "The abuse of the law continued under Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev...and the victims of these repressions must be exonerated, too."

Political storm in Athens as tycoon is accused of forgery

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A young Greek tycoon who stunned the nation with his meteoric rise was in the middle of a storm this week that could land him in jail or bring down the Government of Mr Andreas Papandreou.

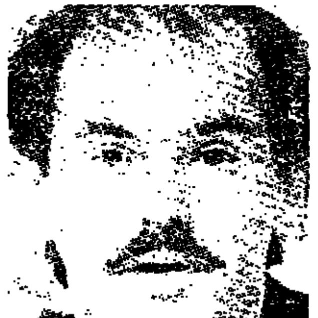
The confrontation came at the weekend when the Prime Minister's son, Mr George Papandreou, aged 36, who is Education Minister, accused Mr George Koskotas, the banking and publishing tycoon, of having forged a document to show that he and other government officials had been given bribes totalling more than £2.8 million.

He told a news conference: "This is a frame-up designed to blackmail the Government for obvious reasons." Mr Koskotas is facing charges of forgery and embezzlement relating to his banking activities.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, who is recovering from heart surgery, gave his son qualified support. "There is no question but that he told the truth, the whole truth, according to what we know," he said.

Mr Koskotas, aged 33, came to prominence four years ago when, while working as a clerk for the small and ailing Bank of Crete, he bought 80 per cent of the stock for £5.3 million. It was the beginning of an astonishing £50 million shopping spree in which he acquired, among other things, a publishing empire of three national dailies, five magazines and a radio station: and a hi-tech printing complex.

Mr Koskotas's inroads into the competitive field of newspaper publishing worried rivals. They launched a campaign, demanding that he be forced to say where he found the money "to buy up half of Greece". The top-selling tabloid *Ethnos* lost a libel suit this year after claiming that he was laundering Mafia money. But it then went on to disclose that his B.Sc. from a New York college had been rescinded for having been obtained under false pretences.



Mr George Papandreou: Bribe allegations denied.

Mr Koskotas, invited to the White House with an international party of opinion-makers a year ago, was arrested on a 1979 warrant over tax and social insurance fraud charges. His American record showed he had been fined in 1974 on an attempted forgery charge.

Having exposed his past, his Athens competitors found that senior Socialist officials had been appointed to plum jobs in Mr Koskotas's organization. Under public pressure, the Papandreou Government lifted by law the confidentiality of the accounts of bankers and publishers. A probe into the accounts of Mr Koskotas's bank revealed discrepancies and last week he was charged with forgery and embezzlement.

Mr Koskotas is due to appear this week before a magistrate, who will decide whether he should be freed or remanded in custody.

Workers' unrest on the increase

THE SOVIET OPPOSITION

One consequence of President Gorbachov's reform programme has been a substantial increase in worker unrest throughout the Soviet Union. Often strikes are called because workers' wages are cut as a result of the reforms. On other occasions, because of glasnost, workers have felt emboldened to strike over working conditions. Here is a chronology of this year's events.

Novosibirsk, Feb 29: Savings bank employees refused to serve customers, demanding better conditions and more workspace. Management went some way to satisfying them, and the strikers returned after a day and a half.

Tallinn, Apr 14: Lathe operators struck over failure to carry out repairs. Workers complained of union inaction.

Klaipeda, Lithuania, May 18: Bus and taxi drivers and car workers struck over poor conditions. A new scheme had reduced wages by up to 18 roubles (£18) a month and cut many bonus payments. Next day drivers from Vilnius were sent to break the strike. It was later agreed that workers would receive lost wages.

Kamensk, Urals, July: The newspaper *Uralsky Rabochy* (Urals Worker) on August 14 discussed strikes at the end of July, one of them in the foundry of the People's Consumer Assembly Shop in protest against working conditions, obsolete technology, management indifference and a new wage system. The paper said: "The workers of two shifts did not work for two days, and only then did the management begin to take their problems seriously".

Moscow, July 7: Workers in Kirovokan, Armenia, sent a telegram to the All-Union Central Council of Trades Unions demanding compensation for non-payment while fellow-workers were on strike over the authorities' refusal to allow Nagorno-Karabakh to be annexed to Armenia. The council said that "the work stoppages, as described in the telegram, are unlawful." No payment was made.

Velikie Luki, Russian Federation, July 12: Public transport workers struck for a day after cuts in hourly wages.

Arkhangelsk, July 12: Trolleybus drivers went on strike after a sharp decrease in pay.

Leningrad, August: *Rubikon*, paper of the unofficial Committee for Democratization of Trade Unions, had complaint letters about the Trades Union Central Council.

Bakhchisaray, Crimea, Aug 2: The newspaper *Slava Trudu* (Glory to Labour) gave details of the local executive decision that enterprises must pay 8,535 roubles for each worker from outside the city.

Yanguiyul, Tashkent, Aug 12: The local court dismissed appeals by seven Crimean Tatars seeking reinstatement after being dismissed for taking part in a strike.

Odessa, Sept 1: Sergei Starostin, of the co-ordinating council of the Democratic Union in Support of Perestroika, was sacked in contravention of the Labour Code.

Severodvinsk, Arkhangelsk, Sept 17-21: Post office van drivers struck for five days, demanding better wages and conditions and shorter waiting periods for housing.

Kuibyshev, Russia, Sept 26: A four-hour strike against a 50 per cent pay cut was held at the Novo-Kuibyshev textile factory. Management refused to meet the demands.

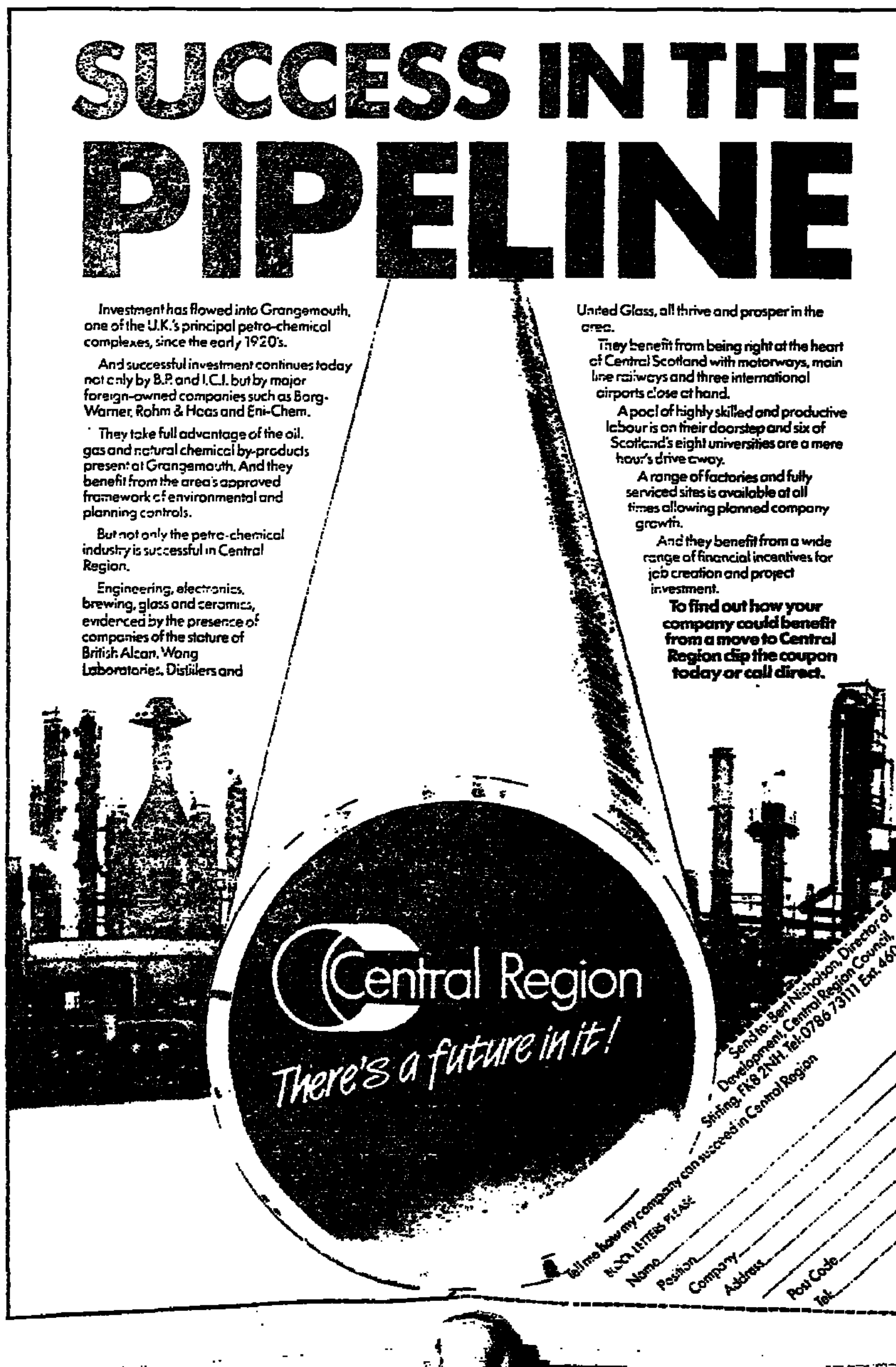
Krasnoyarsk, Sept 27: The Trades Union Central Council city committee organized a talk on "the problems of democratization", attended by more than 200 representatives of independent organizations. It was filmed by a local TV station.

Yerevan, Oct 3: Workers demanded wages for time lost during the strikes. Several factories agreed, and 50 per cent compromises were reached in others.

Bekabad, Tashkent, Oct 6: An *Ekspress Khronika* correspondent, Server Tuvarchi, reported that the local people's court ruled against Idris Mustafayev's being reinstated as an electrician after the Crimean Tatar strike.

Leningrad, Oct 9: About 300 people attended a meeting in Mikhaylov Gardens organized by the Committee for the Democratization of Trade Unions and permitted by the authorities. It discussed the recent strike of boiler workers at the Lenteploenergiya plant. The meeting announced a strike fund and resolved to support Solidarity in Poland.

Bekabad, Oct 13-19: The procurator supported 16 Crimean Tatars demanding job reinstatement, but Judge Umarov ruled against them, apart from Sabriye Akhtilova who at the time of her dismissal was a member of her trade union committee.



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China's space programme

Satellite plan nears agreement

From Catherine Sampson
Xichang, China

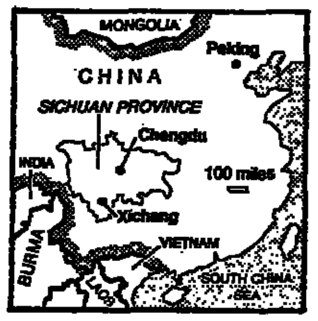
Deep in the wilds of Sichuan province the military were showing off their rocket-launching equipment last week, while in Peking a US congressional delegation was clearing the way for China to launch American-made satellites for other countries.

Xichang, in Sichaun, is the nerve centre of China's space programme, and if the People's Republic launches foreign satellites it will be done here.

It has a staff of 1,200 technicians who have so far launched four communications satellites into geostationary orbit, using their Long March3 rockets, since the centre opened in 1984. All these launches have apparently been successful.

But Xichang represents the sharp contrast between China's high-tech ambitions and its backward realities. Here, peasants are delighted when a bus comes juddering along the road. They have spread their rice out to dry on the pot-holed tarmac, and a vehicle passing over it helps to separate the husk from the grain.

Water buffalo plough the fields or wander down the street. Peasants wear brightly and intricately embroidered clothes — these are the Yi minority, who were dragged protesting into the 20th century in 1956, when the Communist Party forbade them to continue with their slave-owning culture. Now the space age is just around the corner.



The bus fords another ditch, and suddenly among the lush paddy fields a grey-green rocket gantry comes into sight. As tall as a tower block, it is dwarfed by the surrounding mountains. Several panes of glass are missing, blown out by the last launch in March. Before the type of propellant was changed, the first launches here used to blacken the whole of the hillside.

Xichang, in south-western China, is just right for rocket-launching, officials say, because the nearer the Equator the better. But it is densely populated compared with most rocket-launching sites; 7,000 local people have been shifted away permanently, and another 1,000 to 2,000 within a two-mile radius are moved for the day whenever there is a launch.

China does not have money for high technology. It has chosen to develop a space programme as a showpiece, and, it hopes, as a money-spinner. The hitch in its plan to become one of the few countries offering international satellite-launching services has been US hesitation: that delay matters, because the first contracts for which it is aiming involve satellites made by the US Hughes Company.

President Reagan has listed three areas which have to be resolved to the satisfaction of the US before it will allow the Australian Aussat company and the Hongkong Asiasat company to launch the Hughes satellites.

First, Washington demands that if the Chinese are to handle sophisticated US satellites, there should be no risk of their stealing the technology. Second, the Americans insist on agreement on liability and compensation in the event of an accident.

Last, and many analysts believe most importantly, the US is concerned that the competitive price offered by China will undercut American enterprises. American opponents of any agreement have complained that the Chinese launches would be subsidized by Peking. The Government denies this.

Last week, agreement on the first two issues was reached, but the third remains a bone of contention. There has been speculation on a Chinese price of about $30 million (£17 million) per launch.

Shuttle optimism high

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet space officials have dismissed as a minor hitch Saturday's last-minute halt to the maiden flight of the space shuttle Buran and said that a fresh attempt would be made after the November 7-8 Revolution Day holiday.

Major-General Vladimir Gudilin, head of the project's test department, said: "Of course a child falls down when he starts to walk. We should not forget that our start was an experimental one." He added that, "despite the delay, one of the most vital systems confirmed that it works", referring to the computer system which halted the countdown 51 seconds before blast-off when a platform failed to swing completely clear.

Uneasy Lisbon awaits Socialist choice

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

The Portuguese Socialist Party is to hold a congress, probably in December, to choose a new leader after last week's resignation of Senhor Vitor Constancio.

Among the contenders is Senhor Jaime Gama, a protégé of President Soares who had been considered a probable successor to Senhor Soares as party leader before Senhor Constancio was elected. Another contender is Senhor Torres Couto, head of the Socialist/Social Democrat labour federation UGT.

The resignation of Senhor Constancio has caused consternation in banking and business circles.

As a representative of the Socialist Party, he signed an important recent agreement with the ruling right-of-centre Prime Minister, Professor Anibal Cavaco Silva — representing the Social Democrat party — which will permit a revision of the country's Marxist-oriented Constitution and allow the privatization of nationalized banks and industries.

Party leaders have given assurances that the agreement will stand, but only after the new Socialist leader is chosen will that be clear. The uncertain situation could meanwhile hold up local and foreign investment that the country needs in its race to prepare for the competition from EEC countries when its borders are opened in 1992.

Senhor Constancio, an economist and former Minister of Economy, had a rational, pedagogical style of leadership which contrasted sharply with that of the more flamboyant former leader, Senhor Soares, elected President in 1985. Some Socialists claim that he was not making sufficient efforts to bring the party back to a leading position in the country. It had lost ground in the last parliamentary election, but had been gaining in recent opinion polls.

Senhor Constancio told journalists that opposition within his party had brought about his decision. He said: "I do not want to be treated as a transitional leader. I have many supporters, but few defenders."

He will return to his former post in the Bank of Portugal.

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Delhi sit-in farmers continue defiant after police kill two

From Edward Gorman, Delhi

Police manning road blocks opened fire on farmers north-east of the city yesterday, killing two and wounding seven. This follows a police baton charge on a crowd of 10,000 on Saturday in which 2,000 people were arrested and 1,000 were injured.

The farmers have been staging a sit-in in an attempt to force Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government to deal with grievances which, they say, successive Indian governments have ignored since the granting of independence.

Among other demands, the farmers want cheaper electricity, better and guaranteed prices for their produce, and the release of those held in jail after previous protests.

The protest began as a day-long demonstration last Tuesday after union members from surrounding provinces drove into the city on tractors, lorries and bullock carts. Having camped themselves along Raj Path, in front of the presidential palace and the official offices of the Prime Minister, they have refused to move until the Government concedes their demands.

Mr Mahendra Singh Tikait, president of the Bharatiya Kisan union, or Indian farmers' union, said he would rather die than give in to "state violence". Surrounded by bodyguards with 12-bore shotguns, this small farmer, who has been catapulted to national prominence over the past week, said: "I am ready to *stay here at any cost.*"

The strike has been a spectacularly successful publicity stunt and has acutely embarrassed Mr Gandhi who has been forced to relocate a huge rally to commemorate the fourth anniversary of his mother's assassination planned for today.

The rally, one of the most important ruling Congress (I) party gatherings of the political calendar in the run-up to next year's elections, was to have been held on the Boat Club lawns, the capital's most coveted site, where the farmers are now camped out. The obstinacy of the farmers, however, has forced the party to move to the old Red Fort where last-minute preparations for an event expected to attract over a million people were continuing last night.

The farmers say the coinciding of their action with this event was not planned in advance. But their continuing protest threatens not only to overshadow today's rally, but to transform what had been a relatively marginal issue into a big political headache for the Government.

After negotiations between farmers' leaders and government ministers reached deadlock on Saturday, the Government has resorted to tactics of intimidation and force to remove them.

Supplies of drinking water distributed to the protesters were discontinued and police blasted Western disco music at the farmers in an attempt to prevent them hearing their leaders' speeches.

Saturday's baton charge and the shooting incident yesterday only appear to have sharpened the farmers' determination as thousands continued to flood into the city last night.

The Government's heavy-handed approach has also attracted criticism from opposition leaders, despite Mr Tikait's policy of political independence for the farmers' union.

Moon brings 6,516 couples together

The Rev Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church, blessing 6,516 couples after marrying them in one of history's biggest mass wedding ceremonies at a bottling factory in Yongin, South Korea, yesterday.

About 2,500 of the couples were mixed Japanese and Korean in an apparent attempt to use the church to overcome tension between the two countries, which have a long history of strife (John Gittelsohn writes). The rest were from around the world.

Some of the couples had been matched by the Rev Moon only the previous day and had not met their spouses. About 1,400 Japanese, unable to catch flights from Tokyo, did not arrive in time.

"I don't know when I'll meet him," Miss Yoo Ok Soon, a Korean, said of her Japanese husband-to-be, clutching his photograph to her breast.

The couples will spend 40 days getting to know each other before being allowed to consummate yesterday's wedding vows.

Australian riposte to Indonesian border raid

From Christopher Morris
Sydney

Australia is preparing to send more troops to Papua New Guinea after cross-border raids by the Indonesian Army.

The Government of Papua New Guinea officially asked for the military reinforcements and is also understood to have appealed to the United States to send troops from its bases in Guam.

The Government specifically wants SAS troops from Australia and US Special Forces to train the PNG defence force.

Indonesian troops have recently been crossing regularly from Irian Jaya to Papua New Guinea, pursuing Melanesian guerrillas who have ambushed Indonesian border patrols.

The border incursions have continued, despite official protests to Jakarta by the Government in Port Moresby. The Indonesian actions are interpreted as a warning that Papua New Guinea should curb the guerrillas from the Free Papua Movement.

Senator Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, arrived in Port Moresby yesterday. He confirmed that he would be discussing sending more troops, possibly an engineering unit. One Australian unit is already in the country.

Latin American summit

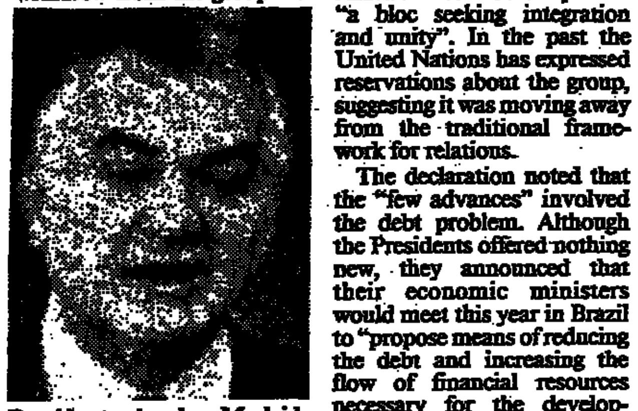
Plea for 'fairer' links with US

From Michael Llanos, Punta del Este, Uruguay

Latin American leaders, meeting as the Group of VIII, agreed over the weekend to seek a "super-summit" with the next President of the United States and to convene their economic ministers this year to discuss ways of reducing the region's $420 billion (£247 billion) foreign debt.

The Presidents represented Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. These countries, plus Panama, founded the Group of VIII, which held its first presidential summit last year in Mexico.

The group agreed here to meet next in Peru in the second half of 1989. Panama withdrew from the group last February, following pressure on it to hold free elections.



President de la Madrid: Priority to development.

Although covering issues like drug trafficking and the environment, the summit focused on relations with the US and other industrialized powers. It made economic development a priority over repayment of the region's debt. The seven countries represented here hold $340 billion of that debt.

In their final declaration, the Presidents proposed a new dialogue with industrialized nations aimed at creating "fairer international relations". They suggested new talks with European Community members.

The US received a special mention. Relations between Latin America and the US were at "the stage of challenges". The Presidents called for an immediate dialogue with the US in order to work out different interests and perceptions which have blocked "broad and fair co-operations".

President García of Peru later said that the group would like to meet with "whoever wins the US election as soon as he takes office".

President García, President Alfonsín of Argentina and President de la Madrid of Mexico were the most adamant in their opening speeches on fostering "a new relationship".

Brazilian sources said the Presidents were looking for a super-summit where Latin America would be accepted as "a bloc seeking integration and unity". In the past the United Nations has expressed reservations about the group, suggesting it was moving away from the traditional framework for relations.

The declaration noted that the "few advances" involved the debt problem. Although the Presidents offered nothing new, they announced that their economic ministers would meet this year in Brazil to "propose means of reducing the debt and increasing the flow of financial resources necessary for the development" of their countries.

President Sarney of Brazil appeared to be the driving force behind the ministerial proposal, with Senhor Maílson de Nobrega, his Finance Minister, angering other delegations by leaking the announcement before schedule.

Creditors have shown concern over these regional efforts to tackle the debt problem. But Senhor de Nobrega emphasized that the group was not seeking to create "a debtors' club" and that negotiations would continue on a country-by-country basis.

Doubts remained, though, as to the long-term stability of the Group of VIII. President de la Madrid and President Lusinchi of Venezuela have just a few months left in office. Whether their successors continue backing the group will be a key test of its resistance to changes in government.

Girls march for food

Khartoum (AFP) — Police used tear gas yesterday to break up a demonstration by schoolchildren in the north of the Sudanese capital against shortages of such basic foods as bread and sugar.

It was one of many protests by young people in Khartoum. In the suburb of Amarat, schoolgirls chanted slogans as they marched in protest after students were sent home early because there was no bread for school meals. The authorities blame transport problems between Port Sudan and Khartoum.

Iranians held

Istanbul (AP) — Four Iranians, including two said to be employed by the Iranian Embassy in Ankara, were arrested for trying to smuggle a dissident to Iran in a car boot.

Afghan call

Moscow (AP) - President Najibullah of Afghanistan called for a United Nations conference to oversee the demilitarization of the country "with a view to establishing a lasting peace".

Fires threat

Sydney — More than 30 bush fires, out of control after the hottest and driest October on record, surround the city, threatening homes and cutting the main Pacific Highway.

Miners die

Peking (Reuter) — Seventeen miners died in an underground explosion at a coal mine in north-east China.

Expo bonus

Brisbane — World Expo 88, the main Bicentenary project, closed after six months and 18.2 million visitors.

Storms toll

Bangkok (AP) — A storm and heavy rains in central Vietnam left 100 people dead and 500,000 homeless.

Locust hazard

Dakar (AFP) — Locusts killed by insecticides clogged main roads, causing several accidents in northern Senegal in which one person died.

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A new news

But are changes to the BBC's *Nine O'Clock* format good news?

The BBC *Nine O'Clock News* will, in its own way, make the headlines tonight. After months of behind-the-scenes planning and preparation, a restyled programme, extended to 28 minutes and presented by one anchorman, will be broadcast for the first time.

It will be transmitted seven days a week from a specially designed open-plan studio inside the Television Centre newsroom, and viewers will notice some of the main differences within seconds.

Gone are the old titles and method of introducing the headlines, replaced by a style which is sharper, simpler and above all more authoritative — the latter a buzz-word among BBC news chiefs.

After the anchorman — either Michael Buerk or Martyn Lewis — has read the two main headlines, the audience will see a new eight-second title sequence. Out goes the space-age view of the globe, in comes a broadcasting tower beaming information in the shape of rings. It has been designed, at no small expense, by Robinson Lambie-Nairn, the design consultancy firm which produced Channel 4's well-known animated "4" logo. And fans of Delbert Wilkins may notice a close similarity between the new titles and the closing sequence of *The Lenny Henry Show*.

BBC chiefs are hoping that viewers will, in time, appreciate their attempts to present the news in a simpler and more understandable form — aided by the team of specialist journalists hired over the past year. Expect to see correspondents like Daniel Jeffreys, Polly Toynbee, Joshua Rozenberg and Dennis Murray not just firing facts but analysing and explaining the events of the day.

But why, just three years after the BBC switched to two presenters for the *Nine O'Clock News*, is there a need for more change, and what will it achieve?

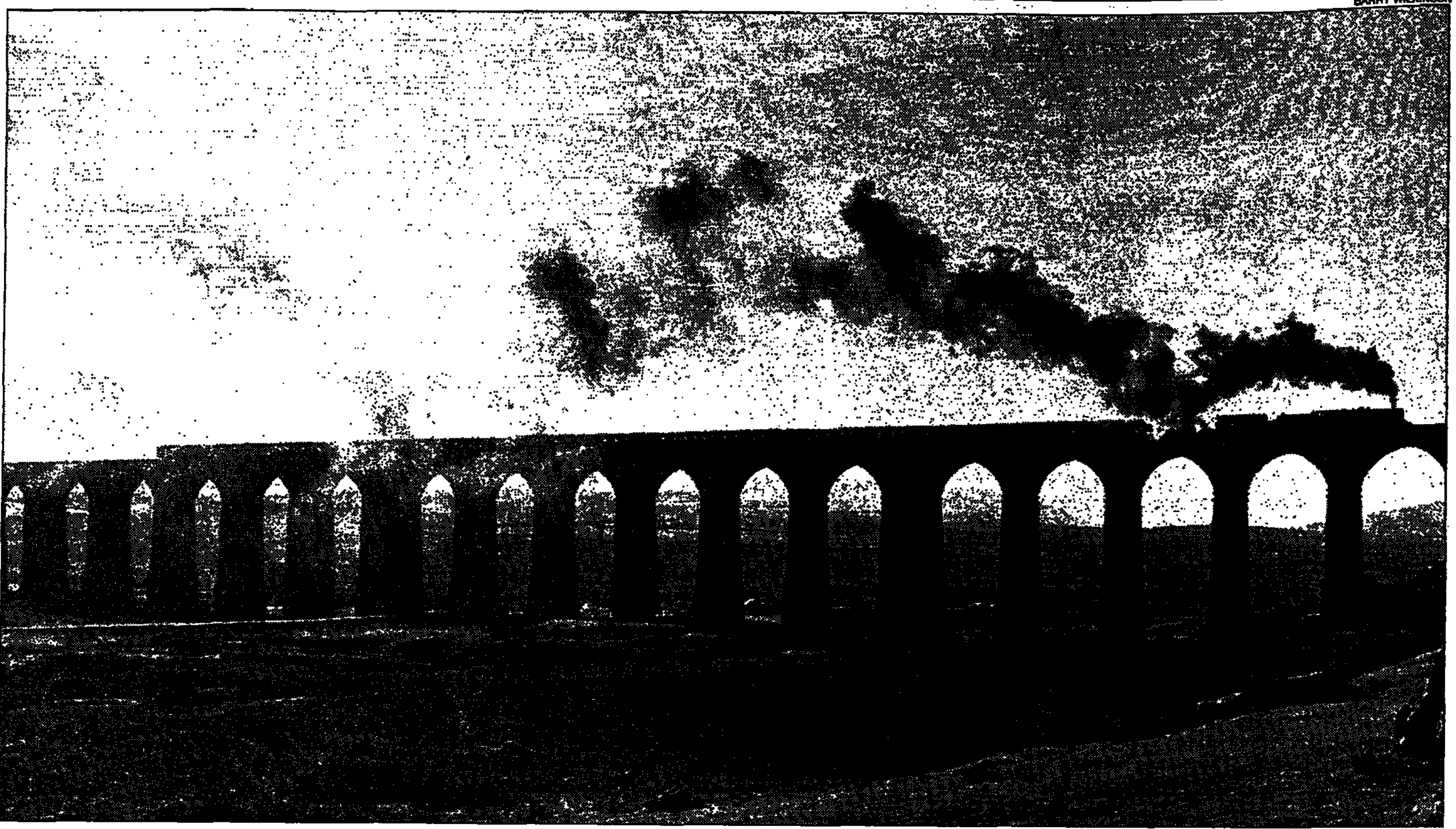
"What I hope the viewer will appreciate is that we are developing the *Nine O'Clock News*," says Tony Hall, aged 36, BBC TV's editor of news and current affairs.

Besides providing viewers with a better understanding, he also hopes to offer a broader diet of news and break more original stories. While the number of stories covered in the extended bulletin will remain unchanged at between 12 and 15, the time devoted to each one will change according to its importance.

"The duty of the *Nine O'Clock News* is to tell the news of the day simply, clearly, and with clarity and authority," Hall says. "We are getting new people who are giving us a breadth and standard of journalism we have not had in news before. It is the development of those specialists on air where the difference in our new style and the improvement in our journalism will be most noticed."

Richard Evans

As a triumph of Victorian railway engineering looks for a private buyer today…



BARRY WILKINSON

End of the line? the Settle-Carlisle's 72 scenic miles include the 24 stone arches of the viaduct at Ribblehead. The cost of repairing the viaduct has been one of the major factors working against the railway's survival

Pulling out all the stops

A railway line which should never have been built, and which somehow survived the sweep of Dr Beeching's axe, and which has since been the subject of the fiercest preservation battle ever waged against British Rail, is finally running out of time.

Unless a private buyer steps forward by the extended deadline of noon today to purchase the 72 miles of outrageously scenic track running across the Yorkshire Dales and the Vale of Eden, from Settle to Carlisle, then BR is pledged to set in train once and for all the bureaucratic wheels of closure; if this happens, the 72 classic miles of Victorian blasting, boring and bridging will be trainless by May next year.

But, for the moment, this high moorland corridor of public transport is not merely the battleground between a network bent on shedding unviable limbs and a dogged alliance of user groups; since Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary, announced his intention to privatize the railways at the Conservative Party conference a fortnight ago, it is now being seen as a vital test case in such a programme of transition.

The secrecy both at British Rail and at Lazards, the merchant bank acting for BR in the proposed sale, has been intense. But it is known that there have been many expressions of interest in the line since the sale brochure was issued at the beginning of August. Among those emerging as prospective bidders are the Sea Containers group, which runs the Orient Express, and the Humberside construction company Hooson and Partners.

According to the London-based L and R leisure consultancy group which, together with the economic consultants PYEDA, has been conducting an exhaustive study of the line on behalf of the English Tourist Board, there are probably about 30 parties with at least a theoretical interest in relieving BR of the Settle-Carlisle, but only a tiny handful, perhaps two or three, who could make a serious stab at running it.

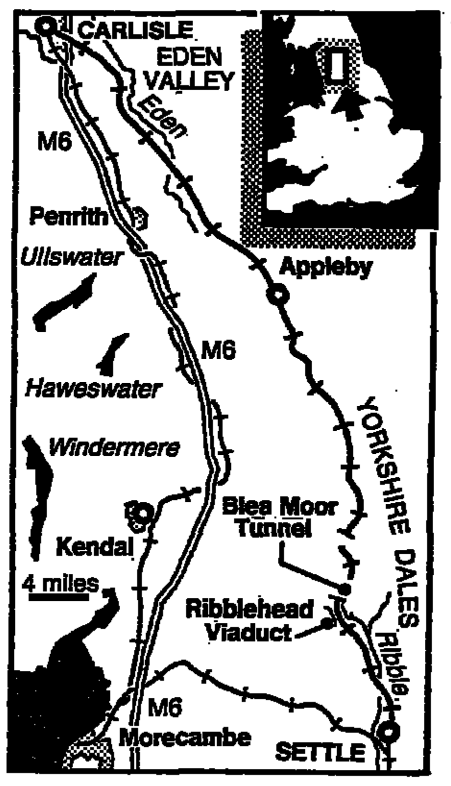
BR has consistently maintained that on solely transport criteria the line is not only unprofitable, but also partly redundant, since Carlisle is already adequately served by the west coast main line route via Lancaster and Penrith.

But this is where the arguments start — long, complex arguments about how the alleged annual loss of £1 million is calculated, about what the true potential of the line might be if subjected to an intelligent marketing strategy, and about the explicitly political question of public transport policy in remote upland reaches of Britain.

On a bright autumn morning over the incomparable Ribblehead viaduct, with the landscape of Batty Moss sliding gently past beneath, one might easily be lulled into the assumption that the line, hewn through the gradients by 6,000 navvies over six years, is a part of the hills, and although not as old, then at least as permanent. The coaches are hot and musty, and the diesels smelly and growling; these are the senior, second-class citizens of BR stock.

But they tend to run on time, and the trackbed itself, built by the old Midland Railway as a means of developing a bigger share of the travel market north of the border, is not that of a meandering country branch line, but equal to much of the Inter City network.

Last week L and R presented the preliminary findings of its report to interested parties in Carlisle. It concluded that under the right circumstances the route could have a profitable future away from the central administration of British Rail. Yet at the same time, L and R admits that one major overseas railway operator took one look at the sums and lost interest.



One of the most ironic twists in the Settle-Carlisle saga is that in the past two years, even as the line has been bracing itself for the possibility of demise, trade has actually been increased; this is explained by the addition of a regular stopping service along the track, calling at eight stations which were hitherto virtually unserved. The pressure group Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line points with understandable pride (tempered always by indignation) to the instant and substantial increase in the number of leavers from Appleby Grammar School able to take up the offer of places at Carlisle Technical College.

The tangible upturn in the service's fortunes is largely the result of work by Ron Cotton, a former employee of British Rail credited with the invention of the Saver, now acting as a project officer advising the English Tourist Board about the line. The Friends and neutrals alike view Cotton's contribution as a blissful example of poacher turned gamekeeper. "Perhaps he just did his job a bit too well," says one regular traveller on the line. "There are many people convinced that it could be made to pay its way if only this permanent question mark over its future could be taken away. How can you promote something that is always living on borrowed time?"

Slowly but surely the financial liabilities have started to appear less daunting. Of these, the single most significant one is the cost of repairing the 24 stone arches of the viaduct at Ribblehead. BR agrees that this will be nearer £2 million than £3 million. Put against that a pledge of £1 million from English Heritage, £500,000 from district councils through whose boundaries the line passes, as well as offers of help from local construction companies, and the Ribblehead factor, which three years ago looked sufficient to seal the fate of the line single-handed, no longer looks insurmountable.

The fine details of the figures may be important; regulars can and do quibble away the 22-mile "long drag" up over the unforgiving moors and into the Cumbrian green of Eden; they may be convinced that the Settle-Carlisle is the victim of a Westminster conspiracy, and cite the conviction of John Watson, the former MP for Skipton that "it's up for closure because it's long, rural and in the north"; they may also refer to the letter leaked in March this year, in which the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, told Channon that the line's future was "now to be seen as a leisure and heritage-based enterprise and not as a transport matter".

But in the end, the factor most likely to determine the long-term fate of this now legendary railway is the extent to which a private owner can work, as he would need to, in co-operation with British Rail. For any private company would have to establish running rights for access purposes, beyond the immediate Settle-Carlisle stretch, and this would in turn raise complex questions of timetabling, signalling and toll agreements.

While the Friends ply the corridors with their petition forms, they argue that the best solution is for BR, regardless of its past "neglect", to keep the line as part of its network. Failing that, they say, the best method would be for a new owning company to enter some sort of lease-back agreement, whereby BR pays an agreed price for running its trains along the track.

Nationally, the Centre for Policy Studies favours a return to the old pattern of regional companies, which raises the atavistic spectre of the GWR, LNER, LMS and the rest coming back into nominal being. For its part the Adam Smith Institute believes that track and trains should be made separate administrative entities.

The extraordinary fact of this extraordinary line is that although it has so often been consigned to history, it has now been flung into the very forefront of the privatization game and might yet signal the way ahead for its less beleaguered relatives.

Alan Franks

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The deadly peril of the big gusher

CRAIG BROWN

Bathing agreeably in an out-of-the-way part of Alaska, with cheery Eskimos at their beck and call, the two grey whales have surprised the world by hurtling off elsewhere as soon as they could. Obviously the great renaissance of the travel book over the past decade has passed them by entirely. Solitary, broody writers wearing dark glasses have taught the rest of the world that the true search of the traveller is for the Inner Self and that the Inner Self can best be located in the wildernesses of snow or sand, amidst the most primitive of civilizations. But the grey whales have obviously been neglecting their Picadors, finding the Holiday sections of our more popular newspapers more to their taste, and hot-footing it to the fun, sun and surf of the Gulf of California.

Once there, they will undoubtedly fall in with the wrong types, finding themselves love-bombed by the Moonies or caught up in the Los Angeles drug wars. Sad though it is that these two individuals — Siku and Putu — should have turned their backs on the swarthy, God-fearing community of Barrow for the crushing anonymity of California, we should ask ourselves what made them do it, so that other whales might in future be saved.

I was as bemused as the next man until, in a fit of exasperation on Saturday night, I turned on the television. Suddenly it all became clear. In the first of a new series called *Hearts of Gold*, Miss Esther Rantzen was picking on innocent people in the street, gushing about how very ordinary and insignificant they were and then forcing a cheap and hideous brooch on to their breast.

A recent poll suggested that as many as 24 per cent of the British people did not realize that Miss Rantzen is fourth in line to the throne, and a further 22 per cent are unaware that she is Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, while only 19 per cent, when asked the question "After Health and Defence spending, what is the single largest burden on the British taxpayer?" answered: "The cost of purloining ordinary, decent people in the street with a view to their being fed to Miss Esther Rantzen." It is nevertheless quite clear that the two grey whales were fully aware of the threat that lay in store for them if they waited in Barrow, Alaska, a moment longer.

As the two most famous grey whales in the world, they had no doubt that, before long, Miss Rantzen and her camera crew would be forcing them to sing vulgar ditties about misshapen carrots, making them eat something sophisticated and high-falutin' like caviar until they had come up with a suitably gorblimey response ("tastes like ketchup, Esther, ha ha!") or — to tie in with the new theories — listen in embarrassment while one of Esther's toothless young men recited a paean of praise to "lovely, lovely whales" who have "brought a ray of sunshine into the lives of so many lovely, lovely people". Mindful of their impending plight, the Americans and the Soviets joined forces to liberate the whales. Putu and Siku now wish to live the rest of their lives as anonymous Californians, unpunctured by any *Heart of Gold* award, and it is up to all civilized folk to respect their wishes.

If ever membership of any club or profession begins to drop, you can be sure that the leadership will also blame the uniform. No doubt the few remaining members of the Flat Earth Society still blame their lack of a snazzy tunic for their lack of popularity.

Last week, a couple of Butlin's Redcoats were photographed on parade in new Hawaii-style Zandra Rhodes uniforms, designed, presumably, to make them look more wacky and fun-loving.

Yesterday came the news that the Boy Scouts want to look more grown-up, and are considering swapping their complicated woggled and lanyarded shirts for sleek sweatshirts and their shorts for trousers.

I imagine that that other moribund organization, the TUC, will shortly be announcing plans to shed its traditional grey suits for something a little more cheerful and go-getting.

The solution is simple. The Boy Scouts would feel more grown-up in the uniform of the TUC, who would feel more snazzy in the uniform of the Redcoats, who would feel more outlandish in the uniform of the Boy Scouts. Straight swaps, and — hey presto — Miss Zandra Rhodes doesn't get a penny.

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...the Minister reveals his plans for broader privatization

On the road to 1992

JULIAN HERBERT

Paying our way: Channon envisages the public coming round to road tolls

Paul Channon is no Ernest Marples, no Barbara Castle; unlike Mr Hore-Belisha, he will not lend his name to a beacon. But suddenly, after taking on the Transport Department in the dusk of his career, he is, at least, no longer the Cabinet's Cinderella.

The department is back in the news – partly because of air and road chaos, but also because of the widespread feeling that Britain is being overtaken in the race to prepare for the single European market after 1992. Channon's aim, he says, is to get the transport infrastructure into shape for the next century.

He is determined that Britain's businessmen, operating well away from the geographical centre of the Common Market, should not be unfairly penalized. "If we don't keep pace with demand, we slow Britain down and we impose appalling burdens on British business."

With demand up 40 per cent in the last decade and road capacity up only 5 per cent, it is an aim which will have the Government's critics scrutinizing the small budget Channon has been allowed in the Chancellor's autumn spending plans, to be announced tomorrow.

It is all very well talking, as he does, of the problems of success. But transport is an area which cannot be left entirely to the mercies of the market. Can't his department improve its forecasting record? Shouldn't there be more co-ordinated central planning of the nation's overall transport needs?

The difficulty of reconciling those two criticisms, he points out, symbolizes his main problem, which is one of unpredictable demand: "I don't think you can have a great central blueprint for any period of time because circumstances change."

He instances the classic case of the M25, now carrying 130,000 vehicles a day on lanes designed for 85,000, saying that the forecasts were made in the 1960s and the decisions taken over a period of oil-price shocks when it looked more likely that motoring would decline than increase. Similarly, no one could have expected use of the London Underground to grow 60 per cent in the present decade, or that rail commuting, after a 50-year decline, would turn around in 1982.

Channon says that the necessity of taking safety and environmental needs into consideration means that transport can never become a totally free market. But in trying to provide the service that businessmen need, he is an enthusiast for the greater provision of private-sector capital.

Private rail projects are going well; now there is to be a private link from London to the Channel Tunnel. And already, he says, about £50 million worth of private roads have been built by developers willing to fund projects to open up parcels of land.

There will certainly be more of this in the future, initiated by government as well as developers. The private sector will want to see a return on its investments, and Channon envisages the public coming round to the idea of road tolls.

The Transport Department is clearly pushing for further privatization – of ports, of local authority airports, and of local authority bus companies. On British Rail, Channon stresses that it will not happen "unless I'm convinced that a privatized BR can offer the traveller a better deal".

He seeks to still the fears that privatization would lead to the axing of loss-making country lines: "There is no reason to assume that. If we wanted to do that, we could do it tomorrow. The privatization and subsidy issues are separate. There is no reason why we shouldn't subsidize a railway or individual lines whether they are public or private."

Of the Carlise-Settle line (see story opposite), he says: "I'm not unhopeful that some private-sector solution may be found. I haven't finally decided to close the line."

Moving from under-use to overcrowding, he says that congestion in the skies may be alleviated by a new European central flow-management system; describing the recent situation as "appalling", he points out that there were not even telephone links between air traffic controllers in Europe. He refused this summer, "against very considerable pressure", to increase night flights: "I'm determined to improve the night noise climate."

Underneath those air-lanes, in the congested inner cities, Channon firmly rejects the much-touted idea of pricing out the private motorist with electronically triggered meters recording his use of inner-city roads. Demand, he says, can be reduced in less complicated ways, such as increasing taxation – though he does not recommend reducing demand.

The only place in Britain where road pricing would be possible would be London. It could either be done all round London or in an inner cordon. "If you did it all round London, that would be nonsensical because there are large portions of outer London where traffic doesn't move too badly. It you did it in inner London, around the central London rail termini, you would have to provide traffic with a way around it, which would be very difficult. It would be riddled with anomalies."

There are civil liberty issues as well, he points out. In Hong Kong, road pricing was stopped when it was realized that the monitoring machinery would enable the state to know exactly where everyone had been.

Channon says he is against road pricing, preferring to improve the roads going round London. But it could be done. "I won't say someone won't do it one day – but I hope it won't be me."

Robin Oakley

This is your verdict

The case for and against greater research into the jury system

Greater research into the operation of the jury system, including access for investigators to the jury room, is among major points raised by readers, academics and lawyers after *The Times* inquiry into juries, published last week

Little real recent research into what happens in the jury room has been done in the United States or Britain. Speaking after *The Times* survey, several legal experts said they would support allowing researchers to question jurors in detail after they have completed a case. Others would allow researchers, possibly using technology, to watch or record juries under special arrangements.

The deliberations of juries are carefully and fully protected, but research supporters question whether such secrecy is doing as much harm as it is good. Access to the operations of the jury would clarify serious questions about the current system, some of which were raised by former jurors in the survey.

Former jurors have come forward with more stories of the difficulties and doubts raised in trial by jury. Mrs M, from west London, described sitting on a jury where another member, from Northern Ireland, proclaimed himself an IRA sympathizer and 'intended to attack the British establishment by disrupting the system. The whole experience proved very unhappy for the woman who became foreman and then found herself under attack for what she felt were class reasons.

In another London case, a reader, Mr R B, reported sitting on a jury where one woman persisted in claiming a defendant was guilty until the others discovered she had got the wrong person and thought one of the witnesses was the defendant.

Miss P A H, from Cambridge, found that in three London juries on which she served "an average of two to four jurors had any interest in or ability to look at the evidence objectively. Remaining jurors were dominated entirely by emotional, social or political responses."

Two cases foundered on a refusal to believe police evidence – which in the juror's overall experience could be poor and not very intelligently presented – although there was corroboration.

But how much do these experiences represent a true picture and how accurate was the picture painted for *The Times*? Clifford Jeans, from Uxbridge, Middlesex, noted the jurors interviewed were *all* middle-class. Paul Robertshaw, law lecturer at University College, Cardiff, said the survey may have included an over-representation of those with unsatisfactory experiences.

> **'Jurors were entirely dominated by emotional, social, or political responses'**

Robertshaw wrote: "There is surely a strong case for research conducted with scientific method of how juries reach decisions. Until such research is conducted, there is a danger that decisions will be made on the role of the jury based on ignorance at best and prejudice at worst."

Research in the United States about 20 years ago into the actual workings of juries produced an outcry. Other recent research has included surveys of lawyers, judges and the police on their view of jury results, and the use of a mock jury watching the case at the same time as the real jury.

Section eight of the 1981 Contempt of Court Act protects the privacy of the jurors and the deliberations in the jury room from any intrusion or approach. Common law has always protected the jury room itself from intruders. With changes in the law, researchers could directly question jurors about their work. It might be possible to monitor juries at random and there might be support for a recording system without the knowledge of juries as part of a research programme.

Sir David Napley, former president of the Law Society, told *The Times* there were former jurors who were shocked by their experiences and others who found juries did their jobs conscientiously. He felt a commission of inquiry, made up of lawyers, academics and those with common sense, could look at the system and watch the jury in operation.

Sir David said he supported the system although there was room for change.

Professor Michael Zander, of the London School of Economics, said he was in *favour of all forms of research* but the way was barred by the law. He conducted a detailed study of 200 cases at the Old Bailey and Inner London Crown Court which ended in acquittal, in 1974. He said results of that survey showed the present system worked well.

Zander interviewed barristers for the prosecution and defence and found that in almost all cases they agreed the jury had reached a verdict explicable in terms of the evidence. He felt *The Times* survey had ignored other research which showed there was no evidence that the results of cases were determined by the composition of cases.

Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said he would not support any intrusion into the jury room nor would he support a change in the 1981 act. But if there were change, *he would accept that genuine* researchers could talk to a jury after they had completed their work.

Doubts were also raised by Dr John Baldwin, director of the Institute of Judicial Administration at Birmingham University and co-author of a detailed research project in the 1970s. Then, he argued that more work should be done, including access to the jury room. Today he still subscribes to the need for more research.

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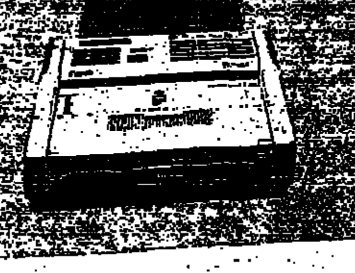

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CLEMENT FREUD

In her autobiography some years ago, the actress Shirley MacLaine let it be known that there had been a moment in her life when she encountered a British Labour politician and spent with him a passionate 48 hours in an hotel bedroom. She disclosed neither the hotel nor the identity of the politician, but around the world hostelries took to painting The MacLaine Suite on the doors of hard-to-let accommodation, and we at Westminster could not help but notice that some members of the people's party strutted the corridors with enigmatic, lips-are-sealed, no-comment, part-of-the-rich-pattern-of-life swaggers.

We were jealous, almost to a man. We thought we knew who it was, by elimination. And when the man lost his seat and was appointed to a prestigious post in academia, which appointment we felt was not totally unconnected with the reputation he had gained from those rumours, we nodded our heads knowingly.

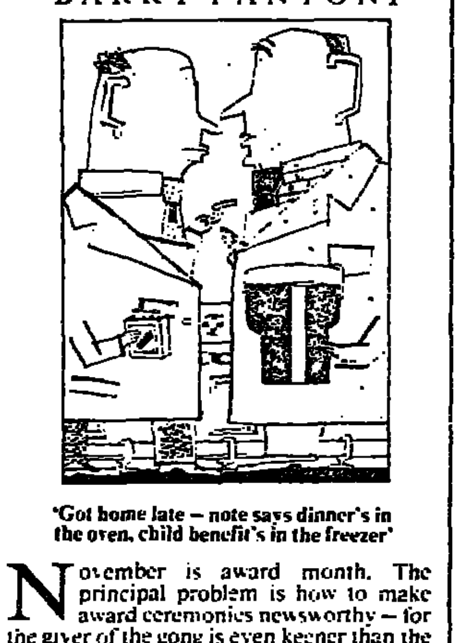
What has changed over the last decade in the world of media is that we now have a profusion of newsprint chasing the same finite amount of trivia and gossip: thus there has come about a thriving industry for reprocessing unsolved cases: in the last month we have had updates on Jack the Ripper, startling disclosures about who might have killed President Kennedy and last week, in a provincial Californian newspaper, a new "revelation" as to the identity of Miss MacLaine's companion in room 426. The named man threatens to sue. All those who just might have been suspected of possibly being the hero of the piece hope that the matter will not be pursued. It is better not to have loved and been suspected than to be exposed as never having been in with a shout.

Last Monday we acquired a new member of our family. He lives out, comes in quietly after breakfast each morning and tells us that today should be his last day: "Not much more to do, ought to crack it by lunchtime." We quite liked what he did on his first few visits, stalking around the house threading wires under carpets, gunning bits of thin white cable along skirting boards, asking to borrow the stepladder and having a final post-meridian excursion with the dustpan and brush. He tends to spread himself a bit on the stairs, but we can usually squeeze past. By Wednesday the preparatory work appeared to be over and he took away our telephones, placing in their stead squat, grey, futuristic receivers with buttons marked HOLD and RECALL, MUTE and spaces labelled DIVERTEE, MESSAGE, P&T.

That is when the trouble began. People telephoned and the bell did not ring. When the bell rang and we answered, the calls were for Gary (Gary is the name of our British Telecom house guest). And it is his ultimate, though ever less likely mission to install in our house a two-line system so that Lady F and I stop glaring at each other when one is chattering away on the telephone and the other wants to make a really important call.

I think that if the BT sales people had explained that installation would take for ever, that we would be deprived of telephonic facilities until that time, that the instrument is not user-friendly to our answering machine, incompatible with the mobile telephone which has been such a boon in the bath and that the bell rings only in the lower part of the house, I might have had second thoughts. The system is called Ambassador: it seems to me the Diplomatic Corps has reasonable cause for legal action.

BARRY FANTONI



'Got home late – note says dinner's in the oven, child benefit's in the freezer'

November is award month. The principal problem is how to make award ceremonies newsworthy – for the giver of the gong is even keener than the recipient in his desire to feature in the media. I sat as a judge on the Benedictine after-dinner speaker of the year cup. How do you not choose Peter Ustinov over Derek Jamieson? I was on the panel to select the restaurant of the year: an inevitable vote for the Gavroche or Tante Claire would be met by huge yawns from food editors when we wanted rapt attention. The answer is to invent new categories: the best after-dinner speaker under 12 stone: the best restaurant opened in 1988: the best serving a three-course meal under £25: the best employing all-female staff. There was little support for my suggestion of the best eel and pie shop in Deptford High Street, for which I advanced Manzes on the grounds of its having been there since 1908 and likely to remain *in situ* for a while, which is more than can be assured for other places.

November is also the beginning of the transfer season in the restaurant trade and managements, like football clubs, are steadily on the look-out for signings who will please the punters. The best bet is a place with a chef-proprietor who has children at the local school: even he might depart if, like the owner of my favourite Thai restaurant at 32A Frith Street in Soho, his landlord is about to raise his rent from £10,000 a year to eleven times that figure.

The Victorians set much store by children who were seen and not heard. I never gave this matter much thought – until last Tuesday when my younger daughter took to the Greater London Airwaves (94.8kH) and is now heard but not seen. Comforting to have siblings at the end of a wireless, especially if you do not have a telephone – but it is not the same.

A prince for the past

The most revealing moment in Prince Charles's latest tongue-lashing of the architects who rebuilt post-war Britain came when the BBC cameras caught him in his hard hat at the controls of a demolition contractor's ball and chain in East London. "Here," he announced with obvious relish as he set about the destruction of a particularly dismal lump of concrete, "is a symbol of the whole sad legacy of Sixties housing, an up-to-date dinosaur born extinct, a colossal fossil."

Of course it was no such thing. Charles was engaged in the demolition not of some grim tower block, or high-rise office building, but of a humble car park. It was an act that demonstrated what an accomplished master of the medium of televison the Prince has been seduced into becoming in the pursuit of a memorable image to further his arguments. It showed also his disturbing readiness to become more concerned with the appearance of things, rather than the real meanings behind their symbolism.

Charles argues as if all the problems and difficulties of the cities of the 1980s can be swept away as simply as he flattened his wretched car park. And he has a view of architectural tradition that seems to be rooted in the nostalgia of a real ale TV commercial. Industrially produced bricks, laser-cut stone cladding and asbestos cement slates, are all, according to the Prince, "traditional" materials.

Apparently all it takes, in his view, to turn contemporary Birmingham into Renaissance Siena is a wave of the magic wand of classicism. If only the new buildings that will take the place of the Bull Ring were got up with domes and towers, then those unsightly hypermarkets and industrial estates, and the office blocks and power stations, would disappear beneath a dusting of columns and sash windows.

But a Siena built in the age of giant out-of-town shopping centres marooned in enormous carparks, of airports and urban motorways cannot be Siena as the Prince knows and loves it. Nor can he lightly dismiss these manifestations of the consumer economy. He may not like them, any more than he likes fast food or videos, but they are, for all their drawbacks, part and parcel of the life that the newly affluent British show every sign of wanting to lead. And to abolish them would be as much of an impossibility as abolishing their right to own motorcars.

Whether Tesco or Marks & Spencer chooses to clad its giant new buildings to look like Palladian mansions or farmyards is hardly the central issue. What really changes things in a city is that such stores exist at all.

It is clear that what Charles actually dislikes is not so much 20th century architecture, but the 20th century itself. It is a view which has a long and honourable tradition in Britain, stemming at least from the time of Ruskin and Morris. And indeed when the Prince talks about the ploughing up of Liverpool tower blocks to turn housing estates back into green fields, he sounds exactly like Morris at his most Utopian. But this is hardly a view that the future king of what is still one of the world's leading industrial economies can hold too publicly. So it is more politic for him to vent his anger at what he sees on the architects who built it.

Ironically, of course, the Prince appears to suffer from the very same delusions of the possibilty of discovering a panacea that affected the architects, planners and politicians who guided the post-war rebuilding of Britain. They too had the idea that complicated issues are best resolved by simply flattening everything and starting again. Then it was the Victorian past that had to go. Now it is the Sixties.

And there is an eerie echo in film of the Prince touring exemplary new low-rise homes in Stockton talking to delighted residents: it is the black and white newsreel of the first tenants moving into the high-rise towers of the brave new Britain of the 1960s. Then, too, people were pleased with what they had after the slums they had been forced to live in. But slums then had been the kind of terraced houses that the Prince is now so keen to refurbish. It took a while for the gilt to wear off the gingerbread. For most, once you are warm and dry, square windows probably don't make you any happier than rectangular ones.

It might have been more revealing for the Prince to look at why Britain is changing, to see who draws up the briefs for buildings, to look at why architecture, whether it is of the kind Charles likes or not, is so low down the list of society's priorities. He could have asked rather more searching questions about the basis of the current property boom and the nature of the British economy which makes it far more profitable to develop speculative office buildings than to invest in manufacturing industry.

It might have been enlightening for Charles to ask why it is that Paris in the last five years has built a whole string of internationally distinguished modern buildings — three museums, an art gallery and an opera house — while we in Britain only have the zoo of London's docklands. Or even to consider why, in the climate of post-war Britain, the architects whom the Prince has so lightly compared to the Luftwaffe might have been seen as offering hope to a country which they wanted to rebuild from the chaos of the ruins as best they could.

But of course the Prince has steered away from these difficult issues and concentrated on taste. For five years he has turned himself into an unofficial top-tier to the planning system. He has, as Stuart Lipton, a leading developer of the new London, has said, made it unthinkable for any major central London development to go ahead without him. That is dangerous: it amounts to aesthetic censorship. It is not the run-of-the-mill banalities of the new dockland or the City of London that have attracted his attention. The Prince has delighted in teasing the architectural establishment by attacking by name the likes of Richard Rogers and James Stirling, who now find it easier to build outside Britain, where their reputations are high, than at home.

The Prince calls the commitment of Stirling, Rogers and others arrogance. But his interventions seem to have made good architecture more, rather than less difficult in London. The cynical hacks who are happy to apply liberal doses of whatever kind of mechanical ornament is required sail through the planning system. Those with more integrity find life more difficult.

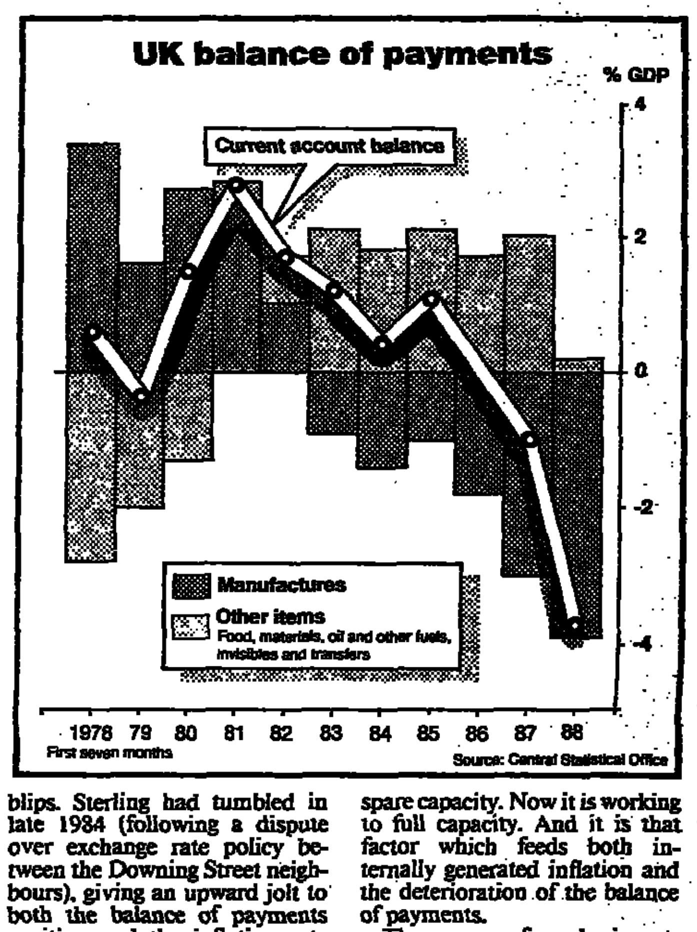
In five years time how will the gimcrack post-modernism of Prince Charles's era look? In his strictures on the modernists who were so eager to mock the Victorians and demolish their buildings, the Prince would do well to remember that the Sixties too might one day seem like a golden age, compared to the banality that is now going up in his name.

Deyan Sudjic

Neil Kinnock sets out an alternative economic strategy

Lawson's looking-glass world

Lawson: putting his faith in high interest rates to keep inflation under control and reduce the balance of payments deficit by squeezing consumer spending



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Kinnock: believes that higher-rate tax cuts must be reversed and more money invested in industry and training to restore Britain's competitiveness

As we await the Chancellor's autumn statement this week, the economic question of the moment is: "When is a blip not a blip?" Nigel Lawson's answer comes to us Through the Looking Glass – "When *I* use a word," said Humpty Dumpty, "it means just what I choose it to mean." So any bad news is a "blip". Any not so bad news is "an achievement".

The rapid rise in interest rates was to have been a blip, now "they will have to remain as high as it takes for as long as it takes". The foreign funds flowing here in search of the highest interest rates of any industrialized country are none the less said to be evidence of "great confidence".

The deterioration of the balance of payments account, once a blip, is now set to continue into the 1990s. Meanwhile the £10 billion-plus annual deficit is "not a cause for alarm" – it's supposed to result from "capital goods" needed by recovering British industry.

The upsurge in consumer debt, says Lawson, is also a blip, and will be "self-correcting". But, by his Looking-Glass logic, the improvement in output and investment which have come in response to that same rocketing consumer demand must not be thought of as blips – they are hailed as resilient achievements.

Similarly, the "dramatic improvement" in the "underlying supply performance of the economy" of which he spoke in his Mansion House speech is apparently a permanent feature and somehow nothing to do with the eruption of demand produced by the credit spree.

The good news is that the rate of productivity growth in manufacturing industry *has* been high recently. The sober fact is that the underlying rate is no higher than productivity growth in the 1960s. And unlike the 1960s, when in nine years output grew by nearly 40 per cent, Nigel Lawson's productivity "achievement" has been made over nine years in which output has grown by less than 4 per cent.

In the same period our competitors have increased their manufactured output by an average of 25 per cent. In the process they have captured more than a fifth of our export markets, increased their share of our home market by over a third, and taken even bigger shares of our markets in services.

Thankfully, some British companies are doing well. Some weathered the slump which Chief Secretary Lawson masterminded in 1980-81 and have since invested and modernized. But there are not enough of them to offset the slide into manufactured deficit that began then.

The real long-term trend that Nigel Lawson *should* be taking seriously is the trend in Britain's trade performance. Ever since 1981, when the recession restrained demand and cut imports, the current account has been in precipitous decline – apart from 1985 when the trade recovery really did turn out to be a blip.

Indeed, 1985 was a year of blips. Sterling had tumbled in late 1984 (following a dispute over exchange rate policy between the Downing Street neighbours), giving an upward jolt to both the balance of payments position and the inflation rate and requiring high interest rates to pull the pound up again.

Now Nigel Lawson hopes to repeat the trick. Since the IMF meeting in Berlin last month he has been saying that inflation was checked by high interest rates in 1985 and much the same thing will work in 1988.

The trouble is that the British economy today is very different from the British economy of 1985. The savings ratio was then 9.4 per cent; now it is 3.5 per cent. The balance of payments then showed a surplus of £3.3 billion; now it is heading for a deficit of more than £10 billion. And, most of all, in 1985 the British economy had extensive spare capacity. Now it *is* working to full capacity. And it is that factor which feeds both internally generated inflation and the deterioration of the balance of payments.

The years of under-investment and of industrial contraction have taken their toll. Despite strenuous efforts, and with 2.5 million still unemployed, British industry cannot respond to industrial and household demands on the scale or with the speed necessary. Domestic demand is greatly exceeding domestic supply; prices and imports are consequently rising.

Bottlenecks in the building trade are forcing up imports of everything from bricks to the most modern fittings. Bottlenecks in electronics resulting from cumulative under-investment in modern skills mean that old markets are lost and new markets surrendered.

The Small Business Research Trust says the shortage of skilled labour is now the most important problem facing small businesses in Britain, and the financial director of Volkswagen refuses to contemplate locating in Britain because of the lack of skilled labour. Throughout British industry the legacy of under-investment is forcing up costs, forcing up prices and forcing up imports.

The effects of the Conservative government's long-term neglect are so severe that even if it hits its target of cutting the growth rate of domestic demand in half, the balance between demand and productive capacity will not be restored and the current account will still not be reduced to the £4 billion which Lawson pronounced "manageable" in his Budget speech. This is the situation that the Chancellor hails as a "dramatic improvement on the supply side."

The long-term deterioration in our balance of payments derives from the fundamental imbalance which Lawsonite policies have created in the British economy. Since 1979, consumption has grown 52 per cent faster than output as a whole. Investment in machines, in people, and in ideas has been — and still is — inadequate. The tax cuts and financial deregulation which were supposed to provide private means for private investment have simply fed the consumption boom. The removal of investment tax allowances and nine years of the highest average interest rates since the war have deterred modernization.

The oil revenues that could have been used to build real supply side strength are now in decline. They won't be available to pay for another of Lawson's blips or to mask the imbalances of investment and consumption and of imports and exports.

That cushion is going. If Lawson's current policy of squeezing demand through high interest rates brings a "hard landing", the results will be devastating. If that policy brings the "soft landing" that he hopes for it will be less painful — but it will not produce the improvement in industrial and trading performance necessary for resilient recovery, sustained price stability and a competitive, skilled and balanced economy.

That requires a long-term investment strategy. No short-run fixes will do.

The choices before Nigel Lawson are clear. Either he relies on his interest rate squeeze to produce a slowdown that might limit inflation and trade deficits for a short time but, in that very act, will deter the investment and change essential for enduring strength.

Or he reverses the top-rate tax cuts, uses credit controls to limit *new* advances, and uses the Budget surplus of which he is so proud to invest directly in skills and productive strength.

"The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master — that's all."

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Commentary • IAN GOW

Admit the Ulster Tories

"Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom – as much as my constituency is." Thus Mrs Thatcher, speaking in the House of Commons.

Not entirely so. The electors of Finchley are able to elect councillors responsible for housing, social services, roads and libraries. Their fellow citizens in Northern Ireland cannot. The MP for Finchley can, and frequently does, move amendments to proposed legislation which affects her constituents. MPs representing Northern Ireland constituencies are usually unable to amend proposed legislation affecting Northern Ireland since most of that legislation is by unamendable order in council.

There is another difference, too, which has been placed on the urgent agenda at Conservative Central Office and at Downing Street.

In Finchley and in 631 other constituencies in Great Britain, those who wished to vote Conservative in last year's general election were able to do so. In the 17 constituencies in Northern Ireland, by contrast, there was no Conservative candidate, nor has there been for the past 66 years. But on October 1 the Down North Conservative Association was formed, adopting the model rules approved by Central Office, and it has applied for affiliation to the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations.

In his speech to the Brighton conference a fortnight ago, the party chairman, Peter Brooke, said that he and the National Union would consider the application most seriously. They should say yes.

The new association has been formed with no help or encouragement from Central Office. The initiative came from those living in the constituency who want a Conservative presence in Ulster and who believe that the choice of voting Conservative, available to every elector in every constituency in Great Britain (save where the Speaker is seeking re-election) should be available also to electors in Northern Ireland.

Up to and including the general election of 1970, "Official" Unionist MPs had taken the Conservative whip. Only one has done so since the suspension of Stormont in 1972: Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, Member for Londonderry, who was Minister of State at the Department of Employment during the last two years of the Heath government.

Sadly, since Enoch Powell's departure from the Commons, Unionist MPs have, on the whole, confined themselves to matters relating specifically to Northern Ireland. They have not conducted themselves as if they were members of the United Kingdom parliament. If the Conservative and Unionist Party is truly national, it should put up candidates in every constituency in the kingdom.

There are obvious dangers. It is possible that a Conservative candidate, standing in Northern Ireland against one or more Unionists, might let in a candidate opposed to the Union. Additionally, such Conservative challenges would diminish any hope, however forlorn, that the Ulster Unionist Party might come into communion once again with the Conservatives.

Nevertheless, if politics in Northern Ireland is to be detribalized, and if Northern Ireland really is to be treated as part of the United Kingdom, there are grounds for believing that the formation of Conservative associations (and of associations formed by other mainland parties) would underline that truth.

The new association in North Down poses a particular problem for the Conservative Party. Those who founded the association, and any likely parliamentary candidate, believe, as I do, that the Anglo-Irish Agreement, in its present form, cannot achieve peace, stability and reconciliation in the province. This belief ought not to be an obstacle to affiliation. The Conservative Party is a broad church. If Edward Heath and his association can be accommodated, so can the prospective Conservative candidate for North Down and his association.

The formation of the North Down Conservative Association will not be welcomed in Dublin. The Anglo-Irish Agreement provides "that the Irish government will put forward views and proposals on matters relating to Northern Ireland" and "on the modalities of bringing about devolution in Northern Ireland, in so far as they relate to the interests of the minority community." These provisions are unacceptable to North Down Conservatives.

If the mainland parties were to put up candidates at parliamentary and local elections in the province, those candidates would be more likely to identify with the mainstream of their own parties. This is greatly to be desired.

Each of the four countries which make up the United Kingdom has its own identity. Long may that continue. But the absence of mainland political parties from Northern Ireland has underlined their lack of interest in and understanding of its problems.

We are told that it was, in part, the Prime Minister's concern about the electoral consequences for the Conservative Party in Scotland of revaluation of rateable properties which caused her to put the abolition of domestic rates high on the political agenda.

For too long Northern Ireland has been outside the mainstream of United Kingdom politics. If the Conservative Party were to accept the request for affiliation from North Down, its representatives would have a direct input into the thinking of 32 Smith Square, would attend the annual party conference, and, if other Conservative associations were to follow where North Down had led, then ministers and MPs would visit Northern Ireland as frequently as they now visit Scotland and Wales.

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Hallowe'en remains a more robust occasion in Scotland, Wales and Ireland than in England — a consequence, perhaps, of November 1 being New Year's Day on the Celtic calendar until being appropriated and de-paganized by the early Church as All Saints' Day. This leader looked behind the witches on broomsticks for a spiritual dimension.

Hallowe'en

If one occasion more than another were to be sought upon which the Old Man with the Scythe could be pictured as smiling over the vain controversies of his children, a fitter choice could hardly be made than this of to-night's celebrations of Hallowe'en. It is now believed that POPE BONIFACE's turning of the Pantheon at Rome into a church thirteen hundred years ago has no real connexion with to-morrow's great and beautiful Christian festival. The element of pantheism, which has clung so persistently to the vigil of All Saints, may be entirely accidental. None the less it has its meaning, even for those who would look upon Hallowe'en from a wholly secular point of view, with its bobbing for apples and roasting of chestnuts, the "merry sangs an' friendly cracks" of the Scottish farmhouse, and the paler tribute of a West End concert or hotel dance. Beneath the admittedly pagan origin of all this remains the assertion of belief in a spiritual world — an assertion which comes just at the opening of a season when the gaieties and comforts of the social hearth are most apt to "blot back" all beyond. It is an assertion, too, which at some points leaves curiously little distinction between modern "science" and ancient "superstition". Nearly every Hallowe'en custom detailed by BURNS, and by folklorists before and since, had a different "term of reference."

The survivals of vegetation-worship, fire-worship, sun-worship and the fear of mists and shadowy shapes are easily traced. It is more difficult to account for the importance of Hallowe'en as the time of all others to satisfy that "passion of prying into futurity" indulged in alike by enlightened present-day metaphysicians and by "human nature in its rude state". Many thousand years before EINSTEIN's arrival Hallowe'en had anticipated the fourth dimension. Upon this night the past, present and future become one.

Thus Hallowe'en takes upon itself from the merely traditional point of view something much more than the honours of a time when witches ride through the cloud-rifts and goblins, having no more need to lurk beneath eaves, boldly take their share in human activities. It is a time consecrated to spiritual thought by the imagination of mankind in a myriad forms and a myriad ages. It is the "great anniversary of the entire fairy-world," with its mingled rout of nature-spirits and hero-spirits, dwindled gods and projections of primitive anthropology, ideas of the mortal and the immortal together. Nowadays arc-lamps have driven back these invading hosts at least to the frontiers of our everyday domain. But even the most trivial aspects of Hallowe'en must still bring to every one whose mind is not the "the slave of his own eyes" a reminder of how intangible is the boundary with which human fancy surrounds this "sensible warm being" of ours.

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REFORMING CLASSES

In town halls throughout the country, architects and planners, maintenance men and accountants, cleaners and cooks, are blissfully unaware of the fundamental changes that are about to sweep over them. They believe, wrongly, that the Education Reform Act has nothing to do with them, that it is firmly stuck in the pigeon-hole marked Education Department.

Even within those education departments, the full implications of the changes in finance for schools are only just beginning to be appreciated. The local management of schools, LMS, is the key to the Government's education reforms. But unless the blinkers come off the town hall managers and teachers quickly, too many schools will be unprepared to face the challenge of the most fundamental education reform since 1944.

Heads and school governors, with many more parents among them, will manage their own financial affairs for the first time. They will be able to decide whether to spend their money on extra teachers or laboratory technicians, to buy extra books or to have the school repainted. It is their choice whether they use private cleaners or council cleaners, council building departments or private builders.

No local authority department will be spared the reality of competition. Neither will the schools. The days when local authorities could protect individual schools by ploughing in more money are over. Under LMS, 75 per cent of the school budget will be based on an allowance for each pupil with the remaining 25 per cent paid on special needs according to financial formulae. The change will begin in April 1990 to be completed by April 1993 and too many councils are still nowhere near finding that formula.

The bulk of the money depends on the number of pupils on the school roll: the more pupils, the more cash. With open enrolment also being introduced, parents will more easily be able to vote with their feet to move their children from bad schools to good. There will be fierce competition between neighbouring schools: those which fail to attract pupils will have to find out what has caused the fall in popularity — and act to reverse it.

The Act gives the new powers to all secondary schools and primary schools with more than 200 pupils. Hence some small schools feel that LMS has nothing to do with them. It has everything to do with them. Even if they do not run their own budgets, they will be financed in the same way as every other school. If they do not influence the budget formula they may find themselves disadvantaged by the large schools and pressure groups.

Many schools are overstaffed and others have too many teachers on the top pay levels. These will have difficulties with cash limits and they will have to make a trade-off between the more expensive and experienced staff and the less expensive and experienced. In time, the effects of LMS will be felt outside the school.

As governors gain a greater say in hiring and firing teachers, they will start to look more closely at the quality of new teachers coming from the training colleges. A report last week from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools said that too many of Britain's teachers enter the classroom without proper training in how to teach and how to maintain discipline. Those colleges that do not get that right, and very quickly, may well find that their students find it difficult to get the best jobs in the most successful schools.

The advantages of LMS outweigh the possible difficulties of the transition period. But no one should be surprised when difficulties occur.

The current angry disputes in Bradford are caused partly by the simple uncertainties — felt by both radicals and reactionaries — at the future pattern and extent of "opting out", privatization of services, and the rest of the Government's local authority reforms. Education is at the centre of the coming storms.

The arguments now should be about how the Education Act can be best made to work. Most schools will relish their freedom to decide how and where they to spend their money. They must prove they are able to meet the challenge.

ISRAEL AT THE POLLS

Israelis vote tomorrow in what has been called the most important election in their country's history. In Jerusalem it always seems that way, but this time it could be true.

After four years under a "government of national unity", nearly two out of every three Israelis now want an outright winner. A divided and deadlocked Cabinet, with two men taking turns to be Prime Minister, has produced a political stalemate at a time when the country badly needs strong leadership.

The state of the economy is critical. With inflation still running at 18 per cent (admittedly a fraction of what it once was) and half the budget going to service the national debt, the very structure of the economy now looks shaky. Koor Industries, the largest industrial company in the region, is on the brink of collapse — a powerful symbol of a general decline.

The problems of the over-large overmanned, state-run industries are matched only by those of the debt-ridden agricultural collectives. The country's public services, most notably its medical facilities, are creaking badly. Lack of money and inefficiency are reflected in long queues, waiting lists and a general air of dissatisfaction.

The right-wing Likud party under the outgoing Prime Minister Mr Yitzhak Shamir, attributes such failings to the Labour Party's socialist policies, on which Israel has been reared for most of its 40-year history. Labour replies that inflation has been brought on by the financial management of Likud.

Most local commentators agree that whichever party wins the election will have to carry out an emergency package of economic measures. Neither party has much of a record for economic management. While Mr Peres deservedly won credit for his management of the economy in his two years as Prime Minister, it is Likud, particularly at its lower levels, that shows more signs of recognizing the importance of free market principles for Israel's future.

The economy is clearly linked to the Palestinian question — whose impact on the election has been heightened by the violence in the occupied territories at the weekend. A US State Department study has identified the uprising through this year as being responsible for a predicted zero (or near-zero) growth rate during the current financial year. With defence absorbing nearly half of the public purse (after the debt has been serviced), the issue of Israel's security will dominate this ballot.

Here, the parties remain poles apart. Mr Shamir and Likud are against exchanging "land for peace", refuse absolutely to talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization and oppose the idea of an international peace conference. They are prepared to advance only on the basis of direct talks with King Husain of Jordan under the auspices of the Camp David peace process.

Labour's position is more complicated. It supports the idea of an international conference and talks with a joint Palestine-Jordanian delegation — with a view to doing a deal on "land for peace". Its more flexible approach explains why moderate Arabs (and most Western governments) would prefer to see Labour in power in Jerusalem.

But this is not necessarily so in Israel. Young people who have grown up with the occupied territories can see no very good reason for giving them up. Sephardic Jews, opposed to the Ashkenazy Jews who dominate Labour, would vote against Mr Peres anyway.

Even many Palestinians (it is said) would prefer to see Mr Shamir come to power. The most that Labour will offer in its peace plan still falls far short of the independent state to which they aspire. But as Mr Peres has the backing of the big powers their objections could very well be overruled. Mr Peres's foreign supporters should never forget that the Camp David Agreement was signed by Likud's Mr Begin.

The result of these divisions, between rich and poor, the young and the old, Sephardic and Ashkenazy Jews, is that the voters of this deeply politicized country are in danger of producing another draw. As Mr Shamir has already ruled out the possibility of a second national government, President Herzog would then have to invite either one or the other to *form a government — negotiating with the* smaller parties to find a workable coalition. Such a result is not one which it would be easy to welcome.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sex and statutes at Cambridge

From Mr David Bell

Sir, I was bewildered by your report (October 27) of the attempt by some dons at Cambridge to inflict an expenditure in excess of £10,000 on the university for the sole purpose of introducing a "she" and a "herself" where "he" and "himself" now appear in the university statutes and ordinances, involving no less than a complete re-write and re-print of the publication.

If the provisions of section 6 of the Interpretation Act 1978 (words importing the masculine gender include the feminine) do not already apply to the university statutes, it would be a simple matter for an additional statute to be enacted to that effect and for a fly-sheet to be printed.

If they have no better use for the cash, perhaps the dons might consider dropping this issue and applying £10,000 in support of the Great Ormond Street Wishing Well appeal for which Steve Cram and Sebastian Coe are nobly risking life and limb around the Great Court of Trinity College this coming Saturday.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BELL,
47 Lanthorne Road,
Broadstairs, Kent.
October 27.

From Mr G. F. Morris

Sir, The Cambridge dons have no need to spend several thousands of pounds on amending their statutes and ordinances. A simple gummed slip, based on section 6 of the Interpretation Act 1978, would surely suffice:

In these statutes unless the contrary intention appears, (a) words importing the masculine gender include the feminine; (b) words importing the feminine gender include the masculine.

Yours faithfully,
G. F. MORRIS,
22 Cramond Vale,
Edinburgh.
October 28.

From Mr John Roberts

Sir, The Cambridge dons struggling with the pronoun problem appear to have overlooked traditional English usage. They have only to look back to examples from Caxton ("Eche of theym sholde make theymselfe redy", *Sonnes of Aymon*, c.1489), Shakespeare ("God send everyone their heart's desire", *As You Like It*, 1598) and G. B. Shaw ("It's enough to drive anyone out of their senses", *Candida*, 1898) for a solution to their troubles.

My colleagues use "they" as a singular pronoun and "their" as a possessive in the social security documents that we produce. Such usage is not condemned by *The Oxford English Dictionary* and must surely appeal to all those who are concerned about the problem of gender in our modern society.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ROBERTS,
Document Design Unit,
Department of Social Security,
Ray House,
6-16 St Andrew Street, EC4.
October 27.

From Mr Alec Kassman

Sir, I fear that the Cambridge protest shows the hand of Auntie Sam. A few weeks ago, at a conference in Oxford, a visiting American philosopher persisted in using "she" and "her" to refer to any unspecified individual human. I had to rebuke him for that, since his topic was Hobbes's primitives living in a state of nature, waging *bellum omnium contra omnes*. Even if that be a characteristically feminine condition, I hold it unladylike in a chap to say so.

I am, Sir, your obedient serving man,
ALEC KASSMAN,
31 West Heath Drive, NW11.
October 27.

From Mr Brian Alderson

Sir, You report today that Susan Arkell is on target to become a woman chess grandmaster — surely Professors Marilyn Butler and Wynne Godley should immediately be appointed to advise the World Chess Federation on a properly modern revision of its statutes.

Yours etc.,
BRIAN ALDERSON,
28 Victoria Road,
Richmond, North Yorkshire.
October 27.

Surface difference?

From Mr M. G. M. FitzGerald

Sir, In your excellent third leader today (October 26) you quote Margaret Drabble as desiring "a vision of a society where sewer men mixed with TV announcers and pundits, and nobody could, at a glance, tell the difference".

My descent, upbringing and experience dispose me to believe that I would prefer the company of the former. I wonder therefore if your readers could indicate simple guidelines which would enable me, when mixing, as I hope that I may occasionally, with the upper echelons of modern society to distinguish, at a glance, between them and thus avoid causing offence to sewer men (or, of course, to sewer women).

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FitzGERALD,
Gawcombe,
Kingham,
Oxfordshire.
October 26.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Power to bridge the energy gap

From Sir Alan Cottrell, FRS, FEng

Sir, The Government's decision to cut nuclear fusion research (report, October 28), coming hard upon its decisions to scrap its fast-breeder reactor programme and to privatise the electrical supply industry in a manner which will cripple this industry's outstanding heavy-electrical research and development activities, will ensure that Britain itself is crippled by energy shortages in the next century.

Fossil fuel energy will for several reasons — exhaustion of oil and gas supplies, environmental constraints, Third-World energy needs — by then have become largely unavailable to us on the scale that will be needed. Renewable energy sources and conservation measures will, for well-established reasons, hardly reduce the yawning energy gap.

We shall no longer have thermal fission nuclear energy, once the uranium supplies for reactors such as PWR are exhausted or priced outside our reach; and we shall no longer have the experienced force of research scientists and engineers necessary to bring about the transition to the alternative forms of nuclear energy which are based on fast-breeder and fusion reactors.

Since we know, from the Prime Minister's own recent statement, that this Government believes in nuclear power for Britain's energy future, the Government's present anti-nuclear policy (for that is what it is, in deed if not in word) can only mean that the Government is at present being gravely misled by incredibly bad scientific advice, to the cost of the country's well-being in the next century.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN COTTRELL,
40 Maida Causeway,
Cambridge.
October 28.

From the Chief Executive of the World Coal Institute

Sir, On October 26 you gave prominence to Mrs Thatcher's expression of concern at the environmental problems facing a world with an apparently insatiable appetite for energy. The Prime Minister is entirely justified in her concern at such matters as "acid rain" and the "greenhouse effect". But there is an unfortunate tendency to put the blame for such problems too heavily upon coal, used to generate electricity.

A study undertaken on behalf of the World Coal Institute reached the conclusion that carbon dioxide emissions from the world's coal-fired power stations amounts to only 6 per cent of the total man-*made radiative gases that much* current opinion considers are creating the "greenhouse effect".

Those rightly concerned at the possible "greenhouse effect" might most effectively direct their attention to the gases discharged into the atmosphere by the use of chlorofluorocarbons in spray cans, and to other gases used in refrigeration, agriculture and industrial processes.

Such sources together contribute about 45 per cent of the "greenhouse" gases compared to the 6 per cent contributed by the use of coal in the generation of electricity. With specific reference to CO_2, land use generally, including the deafforestation taking place in the rain forests of the Amazon, is estimated to contribute 50 per cent of the total CO_2 discharged into the atmosphere.

Great advances have been made in reducing the pollution associated with burning coal in power stations. There is no better evidence of that than the condition of the buildings in London today compared with the situation 30 or more years ago. Much remains to be done, but it would be misleading to suggest that the replacement of coal-fired power stations would in itself significantly diminish what is seen as a major threat to the planet's atmosphere.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD G. TALLBOYS,
Chief Executive,
World Coal Institute,
PO Box 146, London SW1.
October 27.

From the Co-Chairman of the Green Party

Sir, Mrs Thatcher claims that greater use of nuclear power would have spared Britain many of its environmental problems.

This country faces an environmental crisis, but economic evidence alone should prove to her that nuclear power is not the solution. It is madness to build power stations with a half-life of 15 years which produce dangerous wastes with a half-life of 15,000 years; the development, decommissioning, and long-term waste-monitoring costs render nuclear power unacceptable on economic grounds alone.

Ironically the French electricity company which Mrs Thatcher holds up as an example to us in this country was about $33 billion in debt in 1987.

There is no ecologically-sound disposal method for high-level radioactive waste, and while chances of accidents are small, their catastrophic results could not be compared with any other kind of pollution.

Mrs Thatcher's credibility among environmentalists would be a lot greater if she reversed her policy of investing 16 times as much in nuclear research and development as in renewable energy sources, such as wind, wave and solar power.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN LAMBERT, Co-Chairman,
The Green Party,
10 Station Parade,
Balham High Road, SW12.
October 26.

Time to reconsider

From Mr Roger C. Morris

Sir, It is again being seriously proposed (report, October 24) that the United Kingdom changeover to Mediterranean time permanently. All this in the name of European harmonization.

I have checked with my suppliers and customers in many European countries. I understand that the Italians are going to continue to take three-hour lunch breaks. Many of the Spanish retailers are going to continue to take a siesta, returning for their second session of the work day just as we depart in England.

The Germans are going to be at their desks at 0700 as before. Our French customers will still be closed on a Monday; and the Greeks will still celebrate Easter and Christmas on different dates to us.

Are we supposed to harmonize our waking, sleeping, and eating hours in conformity with these various European habits? Are they going to attempt to harmonize their conduct with each other?

If the answer to these questions is "no", then what is the point of harmonizing our clock with theirs? After all, at the moment my Italian colleagues are back from lunch at about 2.30 British time. (Of course we work through most of their lunch break). We shall have gone home by the time the Spanish get back to their desks. So really there is nothing to be gained from harmonizing the clocks is there? On the other hand, the inhabitants of these isles, and especially those in the northern parts, will suffer a serious setback in their lifestyle.

Should the plot to harmonize clocks go ahead the next step will probably be to harmonize public holidays. We shall all finish up celebrating Bastille Day, if the Delors line prevails over the Thatcher line.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER C. MORRIS, Chairman,
Gloverall Ltd.,
The Stadium,
Oaklands Road,
Cricklewood, NW2.
October 28.

Cause to prosecute

From the President and the Chairman of the Freedom Association

Sir, The Director of Public Prosecutions says (October 24) that the Crown Prosecution Service prosecutes if two conditions are satisfied — that there is a realistic prospect of securing a conviction and that it is in the public interest to prosecute.

However, the question of what is or is not in the public interest, so far as the prosecutive policy of the DPP (and the Attorney General, under whose superintendence he works) is concerned, is one which is by no means self-evidently clear.

Indeed, the number of cases in recent years where the DPP has declined to initiate action cannot but be seen to offend against the principle of equality before the law. That is to say, the law officers and the DPP may find that they are in danger of appearing to be protective of powerful interests which breach the law, to the detriment of the weak and defenceless.

Recently a series of inexplicable evaluations of "the public interest" have centred on contempt of statute through the televised broadcasting of subliminal images; the unlawful use (for party political purposes) of the symbol of the International Red Cross; and, earlier this month, the refusal to prosecute the General Secretary of the Union of Communication Workers for his alleged role in "endeavouring to procure" the delaying and detaining of postal packets contrary to the Post Office Act, 1953.

Failure on the part of the law officers to effect prosecutions in such circumstances is profoundly corrupting of respect for the law and of the moral authority of government.

Yours faithfully,
DE L'ISLE, President,
NORRIS McWHIRTER,
Chairman,
The Freedom Association,
Avon House,
360-366 Oxford Street, W1.
October 27.

Engaged tone

From Mr R. M. Ferguson

Sir, A shaft of sunlight broke through the columns of the Court Page on Saturday, October 22, when we read the refreshingly novel announcement that: "Steven X and Deborah Y are both delighted to announce their engagement today. Many thanks to all relatives and friends".

It seems fitting that such good news should, for once, come from the principals involved rather than the supporting cast, as is customary.

Now that the mould of such announcements seems to have been broken, what other acceptable forms of such felicitous news might your readers suggest as being suitable?

Yours truly,
R. M. FERGUSON,
11 Shirley Grove, Rusthall,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
October 25.

Tongue-twisters on Italian TV

From Dr Alan Bullock

Sir, Jennifer Clark's informative article on Italian television in todays's *Times* (Focus, October 25) doesn't mention two facts which make the "passion for never-ending films" on the small screen supremely unsatisfactory for the discerning viewer: dubbing and cutting.

Virtually all films shown on "the box" are dubbed into flawless Tuscan, with scant regard for the subtleties of language and no attempt to produce a text which might sound credible in terms of what Italians actually *say* to each other; the result is a bland, linguistic porridge in which Albert Finney, Woody Allen and Toshiro Mifune all come out sounding exactly the same (especially when dubbed by the same actor) while earnestly providing the listener with up-market versions of "the pen of my aunt."

Most films are also ruthlessly cut in order to fit into time-slots which must accommodate large chunks of advertising, something which frequently plays havoc with plot and characterisation; furthermore, on the private channels the adverts are slotted into the films without any break in the sequence, so that a passionate embrace may be immediately followed by a jingle extolling the virtues of toilet paper, or a car chase interrupted by a bouncing coffee bean.

There is a warning here for British television. I note with some concern that ITV has started showing foreign films in which the characters speak English with funny accents, and can only hope that this unnatural behaviour does not spread to BBC2 or Channel Four.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BULLOCK,
Department of Italian Language and Literature,
University of Leeds,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
October 25.

Glaucoma testing

From Mr Redmond Smith and Mr Patrick Trevor-Roper

Sir, We feel compelled to comment on Mr R. P. Crick's letter (October 27) about sight-test charges. Notwithstanding the fact that only about one third of free sight tests include a pressure test for glaucoma (so that the public are being asked to support the continuation of something they are not getting anyway), we question the whole basis of glaucoma being dragged into the political arena.

Glaucoma in its "chronic simple" form (which is the type referred to) is present in about 0.5 per cent of the population. Most cases occur after the age of 60.

There is no evidence that early diagnosis necessarily halts the progress of the disease, which in any case only leads to visual disability in a small minority of cases. Indeed Dr Bo Bengtsson, a distinguished Swedish glaucoma specialist, has stated firmly in a recent report to the British Journal of Ophthalmology that early diagnosis and treatment rarely have demonstrable value; and he feels that research into the causes of the disease is much more important.

In the UK, analysis of blind certificates indicates that there has been no reduction (in fact a slight increase) in registration attributed to glaucoma in the last 30 years (while sight-testing was free). So it is evident that this legislation has had no effect in preventing blindness from glaucoma.

All the arguments about the *detection* of glaucoma in this controversy may well be true, but we object to the automatic assumption that detection can be equated with prevention of blindness. In this case, unfortunately, it clearly cannot.

On the same grounds, we strongly support the availability of "over-the-counter" reading glasses without the obligation of a preliminary sight test.

Yours faithfully,
REDMOND SMITH,
PATRICK TREVOR-ROPER
(Honorary consultant surgeons,
Moorfields Eye Hospital),
3 Park Square West,
Regent's Park, NW1.

Recycled newsprint

From Mrs D. H. Gardam

Sir, *The Times* is not litter for long in Singapore.

A friend of mine staying in one of its most expensive hotels threw her *Times* into her bedroom waste-paper basket with the crossword not quite completed.

Half an hour later the woman beside her at the hotel pool, reading a pristine copy of *The Times* just bought in the foyer said, "How strange. The crossword in this paper is more than half filled-in".

Yours faithfully,
JANE GARDAM,
Haven House,
Sandwich, Kent.

Odd one out

From Mr Claude R. Hart

Sir, Six people in a first-class railway carriage this morning, having their tickets inspected: "Thank you, Sir"; "Thank you, Sir"; "Thank you, Sir"; "Thank you, Sir"; "Thank you, Sir"; "Thank you, dear".

No difficulty in guessing the sex of the sixth!

Yours sincerely,
CLAUDE R. HART,
6 Egdean Walk, Dartford Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
October 26.

Sino-Soviet relations

From Dr Sergei Gorncharov

Sir, Mary Dejevsky's Commentary, "Eastern overtures" (October 26) talks of the "myth ... that Peking and Moscow are equally enthusiastic about reviving Sino-Soviet *entente* and that Deng Xiaoping and Mikhail Gorbachov cannot wait to hold a summit meeting".

The consistent stand of the Soviet Union over a possible Soviet-Sino summit meeting is that it is ready to hold it at any time, in any place, and without preconditions. During recent Sino-Soviet talks the two sides agreed that China's Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, would make a trip to the Soviet Union before the year is out. This will be the first visit by a Chinese foreign minister to the Soviet Union since 1959. On September 29, a Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman said that this visit, which was agreed in principle some years ago, would come as a step forward toward a meeting between the top leaders of the Soviet Union and China.

Looking ahead, the forthcoming talks in Moscow between Eduard Shevardnadze and Qian Qichen will most likely widen the zone of mutual understanding between the Soviet Union and China on Kampuchea. This means that the prospects are good for a summit meeting next year.

At this juncture, it is still hard to predict what exactly will be on its agenda. It is clear, though, that the meeting will signify full normalisation of bilateral relations and re-establishment of party ties; not that the two countries will revert to the kind of relations which existed in the 1950s — peaceful coexistence will lie at the heart of the Sino-Soviet relationship.

Normalisation is not intended to impair the interests of any third country, nor those of the friends and allies of the two nations. By and large, Sino-Soviet cooperation will be in harmony with the current political thaw in the world and conducive to international cooperation generally.

Yours faithfully,
SERGEI GORNCHAROV,
Institute of the Far East,
USSR Academy of Sciences,
Moscow, USSR.
October 27.

Law without lawyers

From the Secretary of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Sir, The suggestion by Rabbi Neuberger (October 14) that basic legal education should be introduced into our schools is interesting; but it is open to abuse through undue emphasis being placed on rights as opposed to the principles of law. I suggest that we do not want a more *litigious* society but a more *just* society.

At present, many young solicitors are ill-equipped to assist in this process because they are not taught about or examined in arbitration, which is the alternative to litigation. If they are to provide the right advice to their future clients on the most suitable means for the resolution of disputes, arbitration should be included in their examination syllabus and examinations.

Disputes of a technical nature could probably be better resolved without recourse to lawyers. The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators has therefore proposed to the Lord Chancellor that a scheme of court-annexed arbitration be introduced which would enable judges to refer such disputes to arbitration by technically qualified arbitrators, thereby assisting the purpose of speed, economy and justice.

Yours faithfully,

K. R. K. HARDING, Secretary,
The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators,
International Arbitration Centre,
75 Cannon Street, EC4.
October 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 29: The Prince Edward this morning attended the Great Court Run at Trinity College, Cambridge, in aid of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the Great Ormond Street 'Wishing Well' Appeal.

His Royal Higness subsequently attended a luncheon in Trinity College Hall with students and Fellows and afterwards started a sponsored cycle ride from Great Gate to Magdalen Bridge, Oxford.

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

October 30: Mr Percival Cottrell and Mr James Rutt had the honour of being received by The Queen this afternoon at Windsor Castle when Her Majesty decorated them with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 30: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning unveiled a statue of Air Chief Marshal the Lord Dowding and was present at a Service of Dedication at the Church of St Clement Danes.

Her Majesty was subsequently present at a Reception given by the Battle of Britain Fighter Association at the Royal Courts of Justice.

Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 29: The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning at the conclusion of his visit to Moscow.

Birthdays today

Miss Barbara Bel Geddes, actress, 66; Mr Eddie Charlton, snooker player, 59; Mr Michael Collins, astronaut, 58; Mr Hugh Cruttwell, former principal, RADA, 70; Viscount Falmouth, 69; Mr Dick Francis, former jockey and author, 68; Professor W.E. Grimes, archaeologist, 83; Mr John Gunter, theatrical designer, 50; Lord Hardinge of Penshurst, 67; Mr Alastair Hetherington, journalist, 69; Mr H.R.F. Keating, author, 62; Mr Barrie Keefe, dramatist, 43; Mr Michael Kitchen, actor, 40; Professor R.F. Mahler, consultant physician, 64; Mr Malise Nicolson, former president, General Council of British Shipping, 67; Lord Rothschild, 78; Mr Jimmy Savile, broadcaster, 62; Sir Derek Thomas, diplomat, 59.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince and Princess of Wales, Patrons of the Wishing Well Appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, will give a reception in Kensington Palace at 6.30 to launch the International Appeal.

The Princess Royal will open the Health Fair at Weston-super-Mare at 10.30; and, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a reception at 12.20 at Courage's Brewery, Bristol, to receive a cheque for money raised from the Ladies Side Saddle Display at the 1988 Royal Bath and West Show. She will open the new library at King Edward's School, North Road, Bath, at 2.00; and will attend an evening seminar and dinner at the Royal College of Physicians at 11 St Andrews Place, NW1, at 6.00.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, will attend a dinner at Mosimann's, West Halkin Street, at 8.10 to launch the Orchestra Development Plan.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a children's fancy dress Hallowe'en party at Guildhall at 4.40 organized by Action Research for the Crippled Child.

Duke of St Albans

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Duke of St Albans will be held at noon on Friday, December 2, 1988, at St Margaret's, Westminster. Those intending to be present should write, enclosing a s.a.e. to the Secretary, 1 Little Cloister, London SW1P 3PL.

Lord Jacobson

A memorial service for Lord Jacobson will be held today at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon.

Brian Martin

Hallowe'en: Putting prayer before Puck and pumpkin

In the old Celtic calendar, October 31 was the last day of the year. It was particularly inauspicious because its night was the time when witches and warlocks, and their black cat familiars, out of their lairs, stalked abroad to do mischief to the innocent and unaware.

Christianity took the day over: belief in witches was mere folly, and illusion "nat worth a fly" in Chaucer's words. The last day of October became a time of spiritual preparation for the worship and veneration of the Christian saints on November 1, All Saints' Day. So October 31 has come to be called Hallowe'en, or the Eve of All Hallows or All Saints.

Some of the old pagan rituals still persist, and commercialism does not let go easily to money-spinners which derive from them. Witches' gear, tall black hats, grotesque hook-nosed masks, are eagerly sold, and more eagerly bought by, youngsters wanting to fright, as dusk falls, willingly guillible adults. In recent years, small children have adopted American habits of "trick or treat" and have ravaged suburban streets disguised in sheets as horrid spectres or painted up as phosphorescent sorcerers.

Chaucer's "hoy chirches faith in our bileve" dismisses all such nonsense, and implies that we should approach All Saints' Day with some awe and reverence. The observance of a day to celebrate all the Christian saints and martyrs seems to date, so far as we can tell, from the time of Gregory III, who died in 741, and who dedicated on the first day of November a chapel in the basilica of St Peter's to the memory of all the saints.

Subsequently, Gregory IV ordered its universal observance, and Sixtus IV in the fifteenth century added the Octave to the festival. The Octave in liturgical custom extends the celebration of a festival for one week after the festival day itself: all Octaves have since been suppressed except those for Christmas and Easter.

Three saints have Hallowe'en, October 31, as their name days, St Bee, St Foillan, and St Wolfgang, all minor and not well known figures. St Bee was a seventh century nun, almost certainly known as Bega, a refugee from Ireland to the Cumbrian coast after whom the famous headland is named: her story is obscure. St Foillan was another Irish refugee who became founding abbot of a monastery at Fosses, near Nivelles: he was a missionary who made a lasting impression on the people of the surrounding countryside. The third, St Wolfgang was a tenth century German monk, a Benedictine who became Bishop of Regensburg: he was noted for restoring the discipline of canonical life among his clergy, and reforming monasteries.

All Saint's Day, November 1, is blessed with only one saint in particular, but with all in general. The one saint is Benignus, a martyr of the second century. His exact history is unclear, but is associated with an ancient tomb found at Dijon in the sixth century, and he is thought to have been a missionary priest from Lyons, martyred at Epagny.

There follows immediately All Souls' Day, on November 2. It is not the feast day of any one saint, but commemorates the souls of all the faithful departed. It is to their memory that Henry VI and Henry Chichele dedicated the Oxford College of All Souls.

The observance of All Souls' Day became universal mainly by the influence of Odilo of Cluny at the end of the tenth century: he ordered All Souls' Day's annual celebration in the Benedictine houses of his congregation. In the Roman Catholic Church, priests are allowed to celebrate three Masses on All Souls' Day: the only other occasion when this is permissible is Christmas Day. The All Souls' Day Mass includes the famous *Dies Irae* sequence, now optional in the service.

In Oxford, the midnight tolling of Christ Church's bell on All Souls' night reminded W. B. Yeats of his dead friends and inspired him to write one of his most famous poems, and attach it as the epilogue to his mystical book, *A Vision*. It is a moving processional, an evocation of his erstwhile friends William Horton, Florence Farr Emery, and MacGregor Mathers, and shows Yeats's obsession with the occult.

During these three days Christians should remember the saints and martyrs, and, like Yeats, the souls of their dead friends and relations, as well as the souls of the early Christian martyrs, or those of the Christians who are numbered with the Jews as victims of the Nazi extermination camps.

We should not allow the time to slip by with minds occupied merely by the remnants of pagan, secular rituals which must remain as entertainments, inconsequential amusements for our children. After all the hollowing-out of pumpkins, the scary wailings, and the cauldron imprecations, "eye of newt, and toe of frog", contemplation and silent prayers are appropriate to these three special days in the Christian calendar.

The writer is Head of English, Magdalen College School, Oxford.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Bailey and Miss C. Cooper
The engagement is announced from Canada, between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Jack Bailey, of Toronto, Ontario, and Clare, daughter of Major and Mrs Neville Cooper, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr S.T. Collins and Miss M.A. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of the late Mr Michael Collins and Mrs Marcia Collins, of Albury Heath, near Guildford, Surrey, and Moya, second daughter of Mr Blyth Thompson, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs Julia Thompson, of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

Mr J.T. Gaisford-St Lawrence and Miss C. Delalande
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Gaisford-St Lawrence, of Howth Castle, Dublin, and Christine, elder daughter of M and Mme Guy Delalande, of Avenue de la Motte-Picquet, Paris.

Mr R.M.J.O. Graham and Miss A.M.C. Knaggs
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Graham, of Stretton-on-Fosse, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire, and Anthea, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Knaggs, of Hales, Market Drayton, Shropshire.

Mr R.J. Gray and Miss C.E.M. Eyre
The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Gray, of Colden Common, Hampshire, and Caroline, elder daughter of Major and Mrs James Eyre, of Hayling Island, Hampshire.

Mr I.N. Henderson and Miss O.E. Bendon
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Henderson, of Newton Linford, Leicestershire, and Olivia, daughter of Mr James Bendon and the late Mrs Kerstin Bendon.

Mr N.T. Lambert and Miss F.J. Burn
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.P. Lambert, of South Stainley, North Yorkshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr G.F. Burn, of Bewliehill, Melrose, and Mrs M. Burn, of Athelstaneford, East Lothian.

Mr S.J.L. Lilley and Miss P.K. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr L.J. Lilley, of East Brent, Somerset, and Mrs D.E. Lilley, of East Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Paula, only daughter of Mr J.R. Fletcher, of Caterham, and the late Mrs P.J. Fletcher.

Mr B.E. Newick and Miss A.J. Hingston-Jones
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Newick, of Cliftonville, Kent, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Wing Commander G.F. Hingston-Jones, OBE, and Mrs Hingston-Jones, of Dousland, Devon.

Mr J.A. Sheard and Miss M.E. Thursfield
The engagement is announced between Johnathan, son of Mrs M.J. Sheard, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and the late Mr K. Sheard, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Thursfield, of Hodges Farm, Froyle, Alton, Hampshire.

Mr J.J.A. Talas and Miss M.I.R. Welsh
The engagement is announced between Jorma, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Talas, of Boldrewood, Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Isabel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.J. Welsh, of Quinta da Levada, Madeira, Portugal.

Mr H.J. Ware and Miss S.J.B. Wright
The engagement is announced between Henry, second son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Ware, of Brant Broughton, Lincoln, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wright, of Bedford.

Mr R.D.H. Watkins and Miss R.S. Pollard
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs D.L. Watkins, of Llangoedmor House, Marine Parade, Penarth, and Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.L. Pollard, of Penarth House, Cliff Parade, Penarth, South Glamorgan.

Mr P.M. Way and Miss J.J. Nicholls
The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Way, of Yelverton, Devon, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mrs M.M. Nicholls and the late Mr D.H. Nicholls, of Cobham, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr R. Trustram Eve and Miss J. Diggle
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Leonard's, Old Warden, Bedfordshire, of Mr Richard Trustram Eve, elder son of Colonel the Hon Peter and Mrs Trustram Eve, of Priory Court, Duns Tew, Oxfordshire, to Miss Julia Diggle, elder daughter of the late Mr Christopher Diggle and of Mrs Diggle, of Orchard Grange, Old Warden, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. Canon John J.F. Scammell, Canon C.N. Wardle-Harpur and the Rev Allan Bliss officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Robert Diggle, was attended by Mary Inglefield, Emma Diggle, Kate Inglefield, Frederick Inglefield and Charles Sheldon. Mr Nicholas Trustram Eve was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. Hughes and Miss L.C. Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes
The marriage took place on Saturday in Lincoln Cathedral of Mr Roger Hughes, younger son of the late Mr Gordon Hughes and of Mrs Hughes, of Chapeltown, Lancashire, to Miss Laura Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, younger daughter of the Very Rev the Hon Oliver and Mrs Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, of The Deanery, Lincoln. The Bishop of Lincoln officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Christopher Coghlan, Timothy Bromley-Martin and Malcolm Farquharson. Mr Richard Southern was best man.

A reception was held at the Chapter House, Lincoln Cathedral, and the honeymoon will be spent in Scotland.

Mr B.R.W. Robinson and Miss J. Connelly
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 22, 1988, at Christ Church, Adelaide, South Australia, of Mr Brian Robinson, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Neville Robinson, of Chelsea, and Miss Jayne Connelly, daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Connelly, of Flinders Park, 5025, South Australia.

Mr H. McNair and Miss C. Dobson
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Linby, Nottinghamshire, between Mr Hamish McNair, only son of Mr and Mrs Archie McNair, of Hurlingham Court, SW6, and Miss Catherine Dobson, younger daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Stephen Dobson, of Papplewick Lodge, Papplewick, Nottinghamshire. The Rev Keith Turner, Canon John Martin and Dom Francis Dobson, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Lewis, Rhiannon Ayehkumi and Poppy Corby-Teuch. Mr Ivo Hesmondhalgh was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya.

Mr T.H. Benn and Miss Y. Wilson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, in Devon, of Mr Thomas Benn, youngest son of Mr Timothy Benn, of Tonbridge, and Mrs Valerie Benn, of Wiltshire, and Miss Yvette Wilson, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.B. Wilson, of Buckfastleigh, Devon.

A reception was held at the Glazebrook House Hotel, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M.C.D. Acland and Miss M.J.E. Bradshaw
The marriage took place at The Royal Hospital Chelsea, on October 29, between Mr Michael Acland, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Martin Acland, of Standon Green End, Ware, Hertfordshire, and Miss Miranda Bradshaw, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bradshaw, of 11 Cheyne Place, London, SW3.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lady Flora Grimston, Phoebe Pile, Emily Rowles-Nicholson, William Leggatt and Edward Grimston. Mr Richard Acland was best man.

A reception was held at The Savoy. The honeymoon is being spent in The Seychelles and Kenya.

Mr C.H. Benthall and Miss B.V. Elliott
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, at All Saints Church, West Heslerton, Yorkshire, of Mr Charles Benthall, son of Mr and Mrs James Benthall, of Shropshire, and Miss Bridget Elliott, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Elliott, of London. The Rev Paul Ockford officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Davina Elliott, Miss Felicity Elliott, Miss Katherine Benthall, Marnie Dickens and Catherine Hansford. Mr Anthony Wall was best man.

A reception was held at Rectory Farm, West Heslerton, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C.A. Cory-Wright and Miss D.McN. Watson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, at the Temple Church, of Mr Charles Alexander Cory-Wright, elder son of Mr and Mrs Mark Cory-Wright, of Tilford, Surrey, and Miss Dorothy McNaughton Watson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Watson, of Penworthham, Lancashire. The Master of the Temple officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily and Cassandra Browne, Sophie Akroyd, Charlotte Gythrie, Shenandoah Neville-Clarke, Alexander Wyndham, Graeme Ross and Luke Templeman. Mr Valentine Guinness was best man.

A reception was held at Brooks's. The honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr J.J. Cullen and Miss J.A. Tolhurst
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, 1988, at St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch, of Mr James Cullen, only son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Cullen, of London, W11, to Miss Julia Tolhurst, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Tolhurst, of Hornchurch, Essex.

Dr I. Hughes Hallett and Miss C. Munson
The marriage took place on Wednesday, October 26, at Harrow Register Office of Dr Ian Hughes Hallett, son of the late Mr and Mrs Cyril Hughes Hallett, of Edinburgh, and Miss Catherine Munson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Munson, of Pinner.

Mr N. Symonds and Miss J.A. Dallimore
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 29, in London, of Mr Nigel Symonds, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.M. Symonds, of Bletchingly, Surrey, and Miss Judith Ann Dallimore, second daughter of Mr and Mrs A.E. Dallimore, of Cushnie, Aberdeenshire.

Pick of the week at Christie's

A blue and white baluster 'Lady be Good' vase, Kangxi

THIS BLUE AND WHITE 'Lady be good' vase is from the collection of the broadcaster and collector Max Robertson. Known as the 'Voice of Wimbledon', Max Robertson covered forty-one consecutive tournaments, as well as chairing 'Going for a Song' with Arthur Negus. This vase shows Chinese porcelain painting at its best, depicting two equestrian figures parting company from a lady, one raising his whip to her in admonishment.

It is one of 75 items from Max Robertson's important collection included in the sale of Chinese Export Porcelain and Works of Art at Christie's, King Street, today at 10.30am and 2.30pm, and Wednesday, 2 November at 10.30am.

For further information on this or other sales in the next week, please telephone 01-839 9060.

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Christening

The second son of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne was christened John Fergus, by the Rev Dendle French, BD, at All Saints Church, St Paul's Walden, Hertfordshire, on October 30, 1988. The godparents are Mr R.W. Gordon, Captain A.G.R. Windham, Miss Sarah Pilkington and Miss Isabelle Young.

Memorial service

Dr Leah Hertz

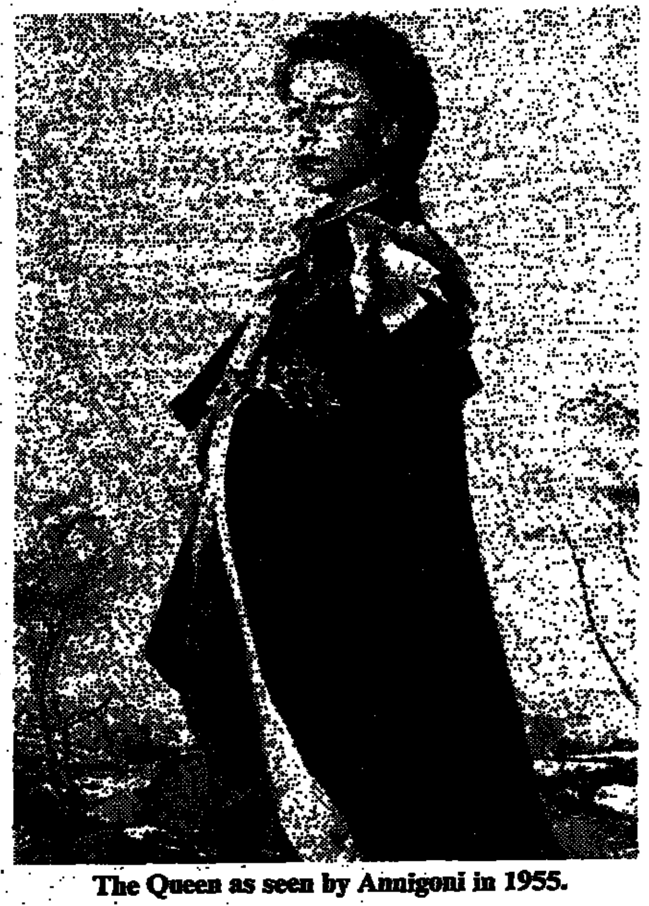
A memorial service for Dr Leah Hertz was held yesterday at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, W1. Rabbi Robert Shafritz officiated.

Professor Clive Schmitthoff, Mrs Doreen Miller, Mr Michael Grylls, MP, and Miss Noreena Hertz, daughter, gave addresses.

OBITUARIES

PIETRO ANNIGONI

Milanese who became the iconographer of British royalty



The Queen as seen by Annigoni in 1955.

Pietro Annigoni, the Italian contemporary painter who leapt to international fame with his 1955 Royal Academy portrait of the Queen, died in Florence on October 28, at the age of 77.

The striking portrait of the young Queen, dressed in the deep blue and white satin-lined robes of the Order of the Garter, immediately caught the British public's imagination and an estimated 300,000 people flocked to London to see it. Art circles were, however, a good deal more critical and have remained doubtful about Annigoni's significance ever since.

But the Queen was said to like the work, for which she had given him 15 sittings, and this launched Annigoni from almost complete obscurity in a Florence attic studio, onto a meteoric career.

He had admirers as lavish in praise as Sir Alfred Munnings who roundly declared him to be "the greatest painter of the age".

He had severe critics, however, who summed up his work adversely as no more than a type of old-masterish pastiche without originality, borrowing from a variety of Italian masters of the past, in portraiture, landscape, ambitious subject compositions, and imitative drawings.

An unprejudiced view would allow him a considerable measure of skill and the amount of credit due to the minute execution of detail, even though such a view would discount the exaggerated claims made for his importance.

He had the distinction of painting what was certainly the picture of its year, the portrait of the Queen, which has had a continued popularity in reproduction and for a time Annigoni proved himself a formidable rival to the most successful of society portrait painters in England.

He signally failed in 1970, in a second portrait of the Queen commissioned by Sir Roy Strong for the National Portrait Gallery, to repeat the public success of 15 years before. The youthful charm of the 1959 study had given way to a severe, schoolmarm-ish icon, very far from the image the public had of the Queen, and, in fact, managing to look singularly unlike her. Amid the protests that portrait provoked was a violent one when a woman visitor to the gallery threw a copy of the Bible at it.

Latterly Annigoni had turned to painting frescoes in his native Italy, all with religious subjects in the classic traditions of his country's masters. Among these was the immense fresco, "Scenes from St Benedict's Life", for the rebuilt Monte Cassino monastery and a "Last Supper" in the Monastery of St Anthony, Padua, in 1984.

Pietro Annigoni was born in Milan on June 7, 1910, the son of an engineer from Modena and mother born in San Francisco. He studied art at the Accademia delle Belle Arti in Florence.

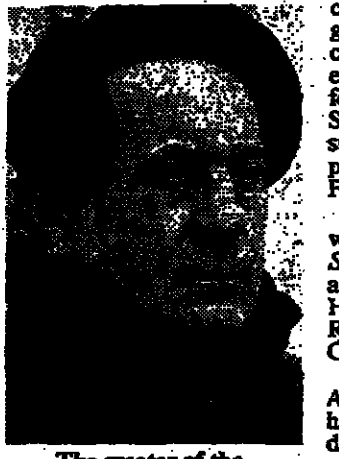
He worked for many years in Italy without attracting a great deal of attention and recalled that as late as 1949 his drawings were hawked around Bond Street without success.

The royal portrait of 1955 resulted from a commission from the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers. A stream of requests for portraits by the artist, from the United States as well as Britain, was a result; 300 women, it was said, were on his waiting-list and as his average fee for a portrait had ascended to 2,000 guineas, he was picturesquely described in the press as "the man with £600,000 in his paintbrush."

An engraving of the royal portrait published by *The Times* in a limited edition of 350 copies at 20 guineas each was fully subscribed.

Other royal portraits followed, of the Duke of Edinburgh in 1957 and Princess Margaret in 1958. He also painted figures like President Kennedy and the then Shah and Empress of Persia.

Among the paintings which were a feature of the Royal Academy exhibitions of the 1950s were also the portraits of Dame Margot Fonteyn (1956) and the Maharanee of Jaipur (1958). He had exhibitions of his work at the Wildenstein Gallery's London branch in 1954 and at its New York premises in 1957.



The creator of the royal image.

He even seemed for a time to have stolen the publicity thunder of Salvador Dali, though there could hardly be a greater contrast between the two painters' inspirations.

Annigoni, who once observed that Picasso had too many admirers for him to need to join their ranks, confessed that Gainsborough and Goya were among the painters he particularly admired.

In 1958 Annigoni gave up his studio in Edwardes Square, Kensington, to return to Florence; one work on which he was engaged in Italy was a large fresco of the Crucifixion for the newly-built church of San Martino in the mountain village of Castagno near Florence. He continued to visit and exhibit in London, however, during the 1960s.

A stocky, clean-shaven man and voluble speaker, he was frequently prominent in controversy, in denunciation of lowered standards in art, of the cleaning of Old Masters at the National Gallery and other issues.

He startled a meeting of the Florence City Council in 1956 by shouting "clowns, buffoons" at the mayor and councillors from the public gallery, the reason being the council's decision to lend examples of Renaissance art for exhibition in the United States. As a "first offender" he subsequently received a suspended sentence from a Florentine court.

The Memoirs of Annigoni was published in 1956, his *Spanish Sketchbook* in 1957 and *An Artist's Life* in 1977. He is represented in the Print Room of the Uffizi and at the Gallery of Modern Art, Milan.

He was married first to Anna Maggini, by whom he had a son and daughter. She died in 1969. In 1976 he married his then model, Rosa Segreto.

Dinners

Metropolitan Special Constabulary
Mr Edgar Maybanks, Chief Commandant of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, accompanied by Mrs Maybanks, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Brewery, Chiswell Street. The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Robert Flach and the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Imbert were the principal guests. The Assistant Commissioner of Territorial Operations and Mrs McLean and the Chief Commandant of the City of London Special Constabulary and Mrs Ralfe were among others present.

Home Farm Trust
Mr Frank Evans, Chairman of the Home Farm Trust, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Stakis Lodge Hotel, Bristol. Sir Geoffrey Dalton, Secretary-General of Mencap, and Lady Dalton were the principal guests.

Broads One Design Club
Colonel G.V.N. Chadd, Chairman of the Broads One Design Club, accompanied by Mrs Chadd, presided at the annual dinner held at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club, Lowestoft, on Saturday.

Association of Lancastrians in London
Air Marshal Sir Herbert Durkin, President of the Association of Lancastrians in London, accompanied by Lady Durkin, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Cumberland Hotel, Bournemouth.

Institute of Legal Executives
Mr Brian Chester, President of the Institute of Legal Executives, received the guests at a twenty-fifth anniversary ball held on Saturday at Grosvenor House. The principal guests were:

Mrs Justice Booth, Sir Jack Jacob, QC, and Lady Jacob, Mr and Mrs N Bonham-Carter, Mr and Mrs R Williamson, the Deputy Vice-President of the Law Society and Mrs Holland, the Director of Legal Aid and Mrs Snowling, the Presidents of the Bedfordshire and Holborn Law Societies and the President and Secretary of the Association of Accounting Technicians and their ladies.

Britannia Royal Naval College
A twenty-fifth anniversary reunion dinner was held on Saturday at the Britannia Royal Naval College for those who entered as cadets in September 1965.

The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (17th Foot)
The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire and Lady Martin were the guests at a dinner given by The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (17th Foot) in the School Hall, Uppingham, on Saturday to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the raising of the regiment. Colonel T. Holloway presided.

Waggon Club
Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at a ladies' night dinner held on Saturday at the RCT Headquarters, Aldershot. Major-General and Mrs G.E.C. Carrington were the principal guests.

Nature notes

As new waves of immigrants arrive on the east coast, many of our resident skylarks continue to sing vigorously over the last stubble fields and the green rows of winter wheat. They can ride the air currents on motionless wings for several minutes, pouring their song out all the time; when they drop to earth they raise their wings and tail like a shuttlecock.

Out on the fields there are parties of up to 20 pheasants, some still changing from juvenile to adult plumage; when disturbed they run fast for shelter. Flocks of chaffinches are gathering at the edge of fields that abut on woodland; they constantly fly up and down between the ground and the high branches, with a flash of white wing bars.

First frosts bring the leaves down in showers but many trees are still quite green. Hornbean leaves show a sharp pattern of bright green and yellow; hazel leaves are lemon-coloured, maple leaves — often in the same hedge — more of a deep chrome. Dogwood leaves are deep purple.

On sheltered banks there are solitary specimens of most late summer flowers: ragged purple heads of knapweed, the nettle-like plants of the aromatic white horehound and the evil-smelling black horehound (whose flowers are actually pink), hogwood and yarrow.

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Moral Re-Armament

A service of thanksgiving and dedication was held at St Margaret's, Westminster, on Saturday, October 29, to mark fifty years of Moral Re-Armament. The Rev Dr Donald Gray, Canon of Westminster and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons, officiated.

The address was given by the Right Rev Gordon Wheeler, Roman Catholic Bishop Emeritus of Leeds. Others taking part included the Very Rev Professor Robert Craig, a former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Mgr George Leonard, of Westminster Cathedral, the Rev Anthony Craig, Church of Scotland, Maryhill, Glasgow, and the Rev Leslie Marsh, Methodist Superintendent, Frome. Mr Bernard Weatherill, Speaker of the House of Commons, read a lesson.

More than 1,400 attended the service, which had to be relayed by closed-circuit television to an overflow congregation in the Central Hall, Westminster. Among them were 70 who had come especially from overseas.

Last Wednesday, October 26, Sir Bernard Braine, DL, MP, was host at a luncheon in the House of Commons for members of Parliament to meet some of the overseas visitors attending the anniversary celebrations.

Memorial Mass

Lord Wheatley
Father Kevin Fox, SJ, was the principal concelebrant at a memorial Mass for Lord Wheatley held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on Saturday. He was assisted by Father John Grumitt, SJ, Headmaster of Mount St Mary's College. Father Anthony Nye, SJ, who read the Gospel and gave an address, and Father Kevin O'Callaghan, SJ. Mr Paul Thompson, President of the Mount Association, read the lesson and Brigadier Gordon Viner, Secretary of the Knights of St Gregory, read the prayers.

Latest wills

Professor Thomas McKeown, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, epidemiologist, left estate valued at £139,480 net.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
Psalm 1:6

BIRTHS

BUCKINGHAM - On October 27th, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Lynn (née Kingham) and Simon, a daughter (Lucy Grace), a sister for Hannah.

CARTER - On Friday October 29th 1988 to Becki and Pat Carter, a girl Miranda, a sister for Alexander.

CRAIG - On October 28th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sara (née Plummer) and David, a son, a brother for Emma.

HOLLAND on October 27th 1988 in Nairobi to Anne (née Wardle) and Robert, a daughter Elizabeth Mary, a sister for David.

PARRACK - On October 15th to Sally (née Morton) and Tim, twin sons Morgan and Joshua.

SAMPSON - On October 26th 1988, to Mariana and Richard, a son, Charles Michael Henry.

SHARP - On October 27th at St Thomas' Hospital in London, to Kathy (née Bianco) and John, a son Robert. A gift of love for very proud parents and grandparents.

WOODRUFF - On October 26th, to Sue (née Hall) and David, a son, Thomas George.

YOUNG - On October 27th, at Greenwich Hospital, London to Clare (née Watts) and Patrick, a son, Alexander Patrick.

DEATHS

ALLCOCK - On October 27th suddenly in hospital Arthur James Gordon, aged 70. Donations to Dorothy House Foundation, 164 Bloomfield Rd, Bath.

BAGOT - On October 27th 1988, peacefully at St. Augustine's Nursing Home, St. Leonards-on-Sea. Ruth Alice Bagot M.B.E. Formerly Hospital Administrator for Uganda. Funeral Service at Hastings Crematorium on Wednesday November 2nd at 11.00am. Family flowers only please, but donations for Cancer Research may be sent to AC Towner Ltd, Funeral Directors, 2 & 4 Norman Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex. The fund for donations will remain open until December 2nd 1988.

BARRETT - On October 27th 1988, at Ipswich Hospital, Margaret Nancy, aged 89 years, widow of Ben and mother of John. Funeral Service Crematorium West Chapel Thursday November 3rd at 2pm. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Michael Smy Funeral Director, 145 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich.

BOVELL - On October 27th 1988, very suddenly at her home, at Farnham, Surrey, Lady Ethne Jane (Jennie). Much loved and devoted wife of the late Sir Kerr Bovell, mother of Susan and Sally and grandmother of Tara and Lucie. Funeral Service at Farnham United Reform Church, South Street, Farnham, on Thursday November 3rd at 11 am followed by private interment. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, c/o H C Patrick & Co, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey. Tel: (0252) 714884.

CASHBURN - On October 20th, suddenly after a short illness, in Spain, Gordon, leaves a beloved widow, Mary. Cremation on Monday November 7th at 12.00 pm, Breakspear Road Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers to Massey & Son, 16 Lowlands Road, Harrow, Middx. by 10.00 am Monday November 7th.

CLEGHORN - On October 26th 1988, after a brave battle against Leukaemia, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Richard Laurie aged 35 years. Dearly loved son, husband, daddy and a child of god. Funeral service at Edenbridge Parish Church on Friday November 4th at 2.00 pm. All friends welcome, family flowers only please, but donations if desired to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton (Leukaemia unit).

CREEK - On October 26th, peacefully at home in Battle, Dorothy Margaret, much loved wife of George and mother of Anne, Peter, Elizabeth, Rosemary and John. Loving grandmother to her many grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church Battle on Friday 4th November at 1.45 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

ELPHICK - On October 26th, peacefully, after a long illness, courageously borne and fortified by the Rites of the Church, in Shipston Hospital, Stella Marie Cacilia, aged 64. Younger daughter of the late Percy and Catherine Elphick and greatly loved sister of Margaret. Requiem Mass at the Church Of Our Lady and St Michael, Darlingscote Road, Shipston-on-Stour on Wednesday November 2nd at 11 am, followed by interment at Ebrington. Flowers and all enquiries to C. Keyte & Son, Paxford, Chipping Campden, Glos. Tel: Paxford (038678) 239 or if preferred, donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW 1X 8QG.

FINSTER - On October 26th, at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, John Malcolm aged 62 years, husband of Mary and father of Annabel Rebecca and Andrew. Funeral Service at Colvend Parish Church by Dalbeattie at 2.00pm on Wednesday 2nd November. Interment thereafter at Buittle Church Yard by Castle Douglas. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Any Enquiries to GC Robertson, Dalbeattie. Tel: 0556 610343.

GAMBLE - On October 27th, peacefully, in Raigmore Hospital, Rodney Dorner, aged 77. Devoted husband of Marjorie. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Maelrubha's Poolewe to be announced later. No flowers or letters but donations to British Heart Foundation if wished.

GASCH - On October 25th, suddenly at home, Fritz Otto, beloved husband of Pauline. Donations if desired can be sent for The Injured Jockeys Fund, c/o The Jockey Club, P.O. Box 9, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8JG.

GRAY - On October 26th, peacefully after a long illness, at Little Dean House, Stockbridge, James Grenville (J.G.), aged 78. Much loved by his family and many friends. Funeral service at St Lawrence Church, Downton on Tuesday November 1st at 3 pm. Flowers or donations if desired to R.N.L.I., c/o Jno Steel and Son, Chesil House, Chesil Street, Winchester. (0962) 63196.

HAYES - On October 26th, peacefully, Anthony John F.R.I.C.S., F.C.I. Arb., F.I.A.S., p/p G of S., p/p F.B. Of Cockfosters, North London. Loving husband of the late Estelle and father of Gail and Guy. Service to be held at Christchurch, Southgate, N14, on Monday November 7th at 10 am. Followed by cremation at New Southgate Crematorium at 10.30 am. Flowers and enquiries to A. Seawards & Sons, 448 Green Lanes, London N13. 01-886 6101

KIDD - On October 27th, suddenly, Dr Patrick Kidd F.R.C. Path. of Powick Worcester, beloved husband of Erica and dearly loved father and grandfather. Consultant Pathologist of Worcester Royal Infirmary for many years. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at 12 noon on Saturday November 12th at Powick Parish Church. Donations, if desired, to the Winged Fellowship Trust c/o The National Westminster Bank PLC, Church Street, Malvern.

LAMB - On October 27th, peacefully after a short illness, Phillis Juliet, aged 93 at Dunstand House, Birkhamstead. Dearly loved by her family and friends in England and South Africa. Funeral Chiltern Crematorium Amersham. Thursday November 3rd 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamstead.

LEWIS - On October 27th, peacefully at Morriston Hospital in his 71st year, Dr Roland Josiah Lewis of Dolran House, Clarbeston Road, Pembrokeshire (formerly of Pengraig, Narberth). Most dearly loved and loving husband of Marian, devoted father of John, Ewart, Andrew, Anthea and Roland, dear father-in-law of Candy, Nedine and William, and adoring grandfather to Rowan. Funeral, Wednesday November 2nd at 2.15 pm at St Andrews Church, Narberth, followed by private cremation at Parc Gwyn Crematorium. Immediate family flowers only, donations for ARC Committee, Narberth and Narberth branch of the RNLI may be sent c/o The Manager, Midland Bank, St John Street, Whitland.

McARTHUR - On 28th October 1988 at The Royal United Hospital, Bath. After a courageous fight against ill-health. Alan John Dennis aged 81, darling husband of Pam beloved father of Merral, Tessa, Nicola, Dayrell, James and Joanna and a very proud grandfather of 19. Private funeral followed by cremation. Memorial Service at St Mary Redcliffe Church, Bristol on Wed 30th November 1988 at 12 noon. No flowers but donations to the Haematology Dept. RUH, c/o McArthur Group Ltd would be appreciated.

NORTON-SMITH - On October 28th 1988, peacefully at home, 10 Tayview Terrace, Newport-on-Tay, Fife. (Professor) John Norton-Smith, M.A., B.Litt., F.R.C.A., D.Litt (Hon), beloved husband of Marianne and dear father of Sharon. Funeral service in Dundee Crematorium on Tuesday November 1st at 12 noon to which all friends are respectfully invited. Cut flowers only please.

POYNDER - On October 28th 1988, John Seymour of 1 South Grove, 69 Abbey Road, Malvern, aged 80. Crematorium, Worcester, Thursday November 3rd at 11.30am.

RITCHIE - On October 27th 1988 at home, Donald James B.D.S. (Sydney), aged 70, beloved husband of Rita and father of Catriona. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium at 3.30pm on Friday 4th November. Flowers to P.W. Ballard & Son, 308 Old Brompton Road, London, SW5, by 12 noon.

SANT CASSIA - On October 27th, tragically, Francis Joseph Anthony Marius, The Most Noble Count & Baron, aged 68 years. Deeply mourned by family & friends. Funeral today in Malta.

THORLEY - On October 27th 1988, Sir Gerald Bowers (Joe) Thorley T.D., very dearly loved husband of Beryl, father of Alice and Simon, and grandfather of Alexander, Sam, Matthew and Nicholas. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Holt, on Thursday November 3rd at 2.30pm, followed by interment at All Saints Church, Bale (family only). Memorial Service in London to be announced later. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Far Eastern Prisoner of War Association, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor, Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, please.

WILLIAMS - On October the 27th 1988, Peacefully at home after a short illness. The Reverend Canon Meredith aged 69 years. Much loved husband of Avril and adored Father of Janet. Funeral at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on Thursday November the 3rd at 1pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Care of M.G.Evans, Funeral Director, 20 Albert Rd, Tamworth Staffs.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DURLACHER - A Memorial Service for John Sidney Durlacher M.C., will be held at St Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall EC2, on Thursday November 24th, at noon.

FRENCH - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stanley (Froggy) at Downing College Chapel, Cambridge. Saturday November 12th at 2.30 pm

WARBURG - A meeting of thanksgiving for the life of Joel Warburg will be held on Saturday November 5th at 3pm at Friend's Meeting House, 34 Sunderland Road, Forest Hill, London SE23.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

PEARN - Major P.R.G. 5th Royal Innis - Killing Dragoon Guards, killed on Nato exercise 'Eternal Triangle'. Remembered with love and pride.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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Secrets of Pichi Richi Pass

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These remarkably precise estimates of the state of the Solar System soon after the first appearence of living things on the surface of the Earth have surprisingly been obtained by the analysis of sandstone rocks called the Elatina formation in South Australia.

The rocks are exposed as outcrops in the Pichi Richi Pass of the Flinders Ranges, near Adelaide, but it is now thought that they were first formed in a shallow embayment of the Australian coast in which tidal currents once interacted with the discharge from a river estuary.

The idea that the Elatina formation must embody important clues to the past condition of the Solar System has been current for the past decade, when Dr G. E. Williams, of the Broken Hill mining concern, drew attention to the curious alternation of horizontal bands of light and dark colour, each one or two millimetres thick, in the structure of the rock. Typically, successive dark bands in the structure, so coloured by the iron oxide they contain, are separated by between nine and 14 more lightly coloured bands.

One characteristic feature of the layering is that there is a variable gradation of the thickness of the light-coloured bands, with the thickest band in each supposed cycle lying either a third of the way above the base or a *third of the way below the* upper dark band.

Williams originally recorded as many as 40 of these multi-layered sandwiches of rock. He also estimated that average number of light-coloured layers between successive dark bands is 11.6, a number almost close to the length (in years) of the modern sunspot cycle, suggesting that the Elatina formation is in some way a record of the influence of past sunspot cycles on the climate of the Earth.

But the sunspot-cycle theory of the Elatina formation has now been dramatically overturned by Dr C. P. Sonnett, of the University of Arizona, working with his colleagues, S.A.Finney and C.R.Williams.

The US planetologists say that the light-coloured bands in the formation rocks correspond not to a whole year's deposition of sediment, but instead to the *deposition* of sediment in a shallow embayment lasting for just one lunar tidal cycle, just over half a day.

This view is supported by the structure of the light-coloured bands, which are distinct from each other chiefly because of a regular gradation of the size of the particles of sand and clay of which they are made. Sonnett and his colleagues argue that, at the fixed place in their embayment *corresponding to the Precambrian* position of what is now the Pichi Richi Pass, the size of the particles of river sediment falling to the bottom would be determined by the state of the tide. The lower the tide, the *greater the size of the particles* of river sediment carried out into the embayment.

This starting point allows Sonnett and his colleagues to calculate the Precambrian orbit of the Moon by supposing that the site of the Pichi Richi Pass was then so far out from the river estuary that *river* sediments could reach it only during the low-tide phases of the spring tides, which occur during two periods in each lunar month.

At all *other times during* the lunar month, they say, only the fine clay particles and iron oxide particles now found in the dark-coloured bands would reach the bottom. From the thickness of the dark bands and the variations from one sandwich of light bands to another, the Arizona group has been able to pick out the times in Williams's records at which the tidal effects of the Sun and Moon reinforce each other, and thus to calculate the orbital elements of the Moon.

Their estimates of the length of the day and the year, and of the distance between the Earth and the Moon, agree well what others have estimated from a knowledge of how tidal forces should have affected the Solar System since the Precambrian.

John Maddox

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Anniversaries

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NO. 388-38725-HCA-11
CONSOLIDATED
AND - IN RE
NELSON BUNKER HUNT and CAROLINE LEWIS HUNT - DEBTORS
No. 388-38726-HCA-11
CONSOLIDATED
NOTICE OF BAR DATES

The first meeting of Creditors pursuant to 11 U.S.C. S341 in the above referenced cases is scheduled for October 19, 1988.

All entities, including individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and governmental units that assert a claim against William Herbert Hunt or Nelson Bunker Hunt, which claim arose or is deemed to have arisen prior to September 21, 1988, and that assert a claim against Nancy Jane Broaddus Hunt or Caroline Lewis Hunt, which claim arose or is deemed to have arisen prior to September 23, 1988, must file a proof of claim as hereinafter described on or before 4.00 pm, Dallas time, on January 17, 1989 (the "Bar Date")

All entities who do not file proofs of claim on or before the Bar Date SHALL FOREVER BE BARRED from participating in these cases, asserting such claim against the Debtors or their property, voting with respect to any plan filed in these Chapter 11 cases, and receiving any distribution under any plan. Nevertheless, the holder of such unfiled claim shall be bound by the terms of any plan, including a discharge of the claim, if the Court confirms the plan, except that:

(a) any entity that asserts only an unsecured claim against the Debtors and that has already properly filed a proof of claim need not file an additional proof of claim. (b) any entity whose claim is accurately listed on the Debtors' Schedule of Liabilities need not file a proof of claim to assert such claim against the Debtors unless such claim is listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated in such Schedule, in which case a proof of claim must be filed on or before the Bar Date.

As used herein, "claim" means (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgement, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgement, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured. "Claim" includes any claim based upon, or arising out of, the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, the recovery of a voidable transfer, or a Debtor's primary, secondary, direct, indirect, contingent or guaranty liability or otherwise.

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The deadline for filing complaints objecting to dischargeability pursuant to 11 U.S.C. S523 is December 19, 1988. The deadline for filing complaints pursuant to 11 U.S.C. S727 is the first date set by the Court for the hearing on confirmation of the plan of which additional notice will be given.

If you wish additional information concerning the filing of a proof of claim, you may contact counsel for the Debtors at the address set forth below.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT DATED October 14, 1988
Gardere & Wynne
Attorneys for William Herbert and Nancy Jane Broaddus Hunt
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IN THE MATTER OF INFLIGHT COURIER CO. LOAD LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that Keith David Goodman, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, and Raymond Hocking a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1 were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above company by the members and creditors on 21st October 1988.

Dated this 21st day of October 1988
Keith David Goodman
Joint Liquidators
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF
Raymond Hocking
Joint Liquidator
8 Baker Street
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Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF INFLIGHT COURIER CO. LOAD LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 2nd day of December 1988, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Keith David Goodman, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, Raymond Hocking, 8 Baker Street, London W1, the Liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 21 day of October 1988
K D Goodman - R Hocking
Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF REDFERN SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before the 7 December 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Ian Peter Philips Buchler Phillips & Co., 43/44 Albemarle Street, London W1X 3Fe, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

24 October 1988
Ian Peter Phillips - Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 005812 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF SKANDIA UK INSURANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 30 September 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £23,000,000 divided into 23,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each to £18,000,000 divided into 18,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each by cancelling 5,000,000 of the 22,999,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each registered in the name of Skandia (UK) Holdings Limited.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2, on 7th November 1988.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requesting the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 29th day of October 1988
Norton Rose
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Ref: JEXM/63/M132568
Solicitors for the said Company

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 005675 OF 1988
IN THE MATTER OF PHOENIX TIMBER GROUP PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE is hereby given that a Petition was on the 21st September 1988 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of £4,878,938 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr Justice Hoffmann at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2, on 7th November 1988.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requesting the same by the under mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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Apartheid under a hail of jokes

Pieter-Dirk Uys, an Afrikaner who fights apartheid by ridicule, talks to Alan Franks

The Cape Crusader: Mrs Thatcher and the South African president, P.W. Botha, are favourite targets of satirist Pieter-Dirk Uys. "The government is my scriptwriter," he insists

The Swiss writer Friedrich Dürrenmatt, who coined the maxim that humour is the weapon which dictators most fear, would approve of the South African Pieter-Dirk Uys, who fears the truth so much that his life's work is to present it as comedy.

He is hysterically funny because the literal hysteria, which he sees as the agent binding the two forces of fear and repression in the white governing classes of South Africa, is also the spring by which his farcical style of revue is driven. There is all the punishing acuity of a Dame Edna, with the snobbery supplanted by white rage.

Adapt Or Die, the title of his one man show at the Donmar Warehouse, is an imperative directed at himself as well as at the regime which he has somehow managed to lampoon in its own front yard these past 15 years. For his jokes are so informed by what is politically topical that his barbs, once delivered, have all the longevity of a bee that has stung. The almost unbearable irony at the centre of his creative relationship with South Africa is that if humour really were to be as potent as Dürrenmatt says it is, then Uys (pronounced Ace) would lose his supply of free source material.

He discusses this matter even more starkly: "The South African government is my scriptwriter. I could never be as funny as that on my own. I take down the things they say and use them in my act; the censors are my publicity agents. They've been a terrific help getting audiences in by trying to have my material banned."

You will conclude that he is joking only if you dismiss his conviction that just as the theatre is political, so politics are theatrical; so preoccupied has he become with re-enacting on stage what politicians do and say off it, that their performances obsess him. "I was watching Mrs Thatcher at Brighton, and thinking how like Botha she had become. Botha with better legs. That sheer, brazen confidence which comes from being so much on top for so long.

"I bet that if Kinnock and the rest of the Labour front bench stopped showing their anger and frustration with her, and instead just started falling about in helpless laughter, she wouldn't know what to do. What can you do with laughter? You can't simply proscribe it, whoever you are."

For all his love of a good joke (typical examples: "Democracy's such a good thing you shouldn't have to share it with just anyone" and "Two things I hate about South Africa: apartheid and the blacks"), Uys is a man *in extremis*. He is 43, an Afrikaner with a house in the Transvaal, a descendent of two Vortrekkers, a soft-spoken man in a fearsome hurry. He feels compelled to maintain a frenetic output, of solemnly conceived plays as well as the revue material, in case his country erupts and he is no longer able.

But since he is acting out the Dürrenmatt maxim on the stages of his own land, and now of Europe, and doing so to the sort of acclaim from which cult figures arise, how has he got away with it? The answer is that, like some intellectual urban fox, he has hijacked the rules of pursuit and turned them on his pursuers.

"I had to learn. Back in the middle of the 1970s, I had three plays. One of them you were allowed to read but not to see, another you could see but not read, and the third didn't really exist as it had no script as such. I fell into the trap of using so-called obscene words like fart and God, and getting banned because of them; the political implications of what I was writing never came into it; it never got that far.

"I saw the film about Lenny Bruce, with Dustin Hoffman, and how the constant process of censorship drove him insane, in effect killed him, and how he ended up reciting transcripts of court hearings to his audience. So I learned the censorship laws. I mean really studied them and learned them, and started setting traps for the censors.

"I actually made up supposedly obscene words in Afrikaans, like *genots-krots*, which in fact doesn't mean anything but sounds as though it does. Now, you could only be censored if somebody made a complaint to the board of censors. So I phoned them up myself and said 'There's this show with obscenities all through it,' and along they duly came. The court case that followed was just wonderful, wonderful farce. They couldn't find this word in the dictionary, and I refused to explain to them what it meant..."

The cat-and-mouse game goes on; he has even styled his entertainment a "concert" in South Africa so that it could dodge the usual theatrical rules of engagement with the enemy. But just as Uys's comedy is born of his acute discomfort at being an open-eyed white in South Africa (he freely admits the shows have a therapeutic function for him), so the audience pays dearly for the laughs, for he leaves the "yes-butters" with no fire escapes from the heat of conscience.

"The yes-butters are the ones who would say in X years' time: 'We never knew it was so bad... if only we'd known.' I see part of my job as leaving them in no doubt about exactly what a monstrous inhumanity apartheid is." This should not deplete the Donmar audience, who will be able to applaud Dürrenmatt's principle from a distance, without being conscripted for its enactment.

● *Pieter-Dirk Uys appears at the Donmar Warehouse, London, from Wednesday for three weeks.*

TELEVISION

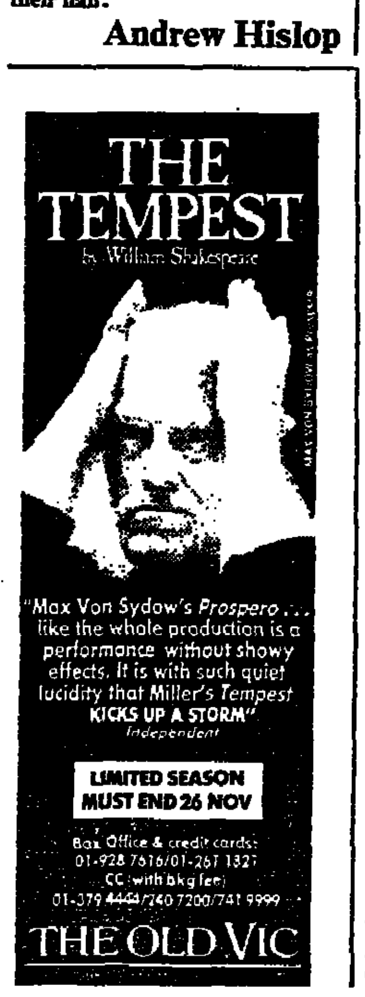
Mother, the ape

The English have often had difficulty in coming to grips with body hair. Some patriotic yeomen of old, mindful of the threat of foreign invasion, once hanged a monkey, thinking it a Frenchman. In *First Born* (BBC1), an adaptation by Ted Whitehead of *Gorsaga*, Maureen Duffy's futuristic genetic-engineering moral tale, downdated for television to the present, a doctor examines baby Gordon without realizing that his mother was a gorilla.

Gordon's birth had been a hairy affair, with the director Philip Saville wittily and skilfully not letting on about the simian nature of mum until after we had been shown how hirsute was his birthday suit. Indeed, in his first weeks he looked as though he was cultivating a growth fit to threaten Charlton Heston's toupée in yet another *Planet of the Apes* film. But wisely he decided to play it not for laughs but for coos, dropped his pelt, and adopted that advertisement baby-bloom once associated with gentle soap but now retentive nappies. Considering *First Born*'s subject, with its echoes of comically mad scientists, Saville and Whitehead managed to keep the giggle-count remarkably low. Charles Dance, as the boffin, helped. One of a new breed of matinée idols, he can counter absurdity with a straight face.

Of course, when it comes to straying from your species to find a strange bedfellow for a boffin, few have a monkey's tale quite like Ronald Reagan's old friend Bonzo. That famous ape popped up in *Bumbledown* (ITV), Spitting Image's hilarious if merciless valediction to their favourite and easiest target. So did another rubberized Republican actor-cum-politician who has cinematically gone ape, Clint Eastwood. Unlike Gordon, both have miraculously kept all their hair.

Andrew Hislop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Molissa Fenley
Riverside

Molissa Fenley's solo programme for Dance Umbrella could not be accused of lacking ambition. As just one item out of three she danced the whole of *The Rite of Spring*. Before that she had already given a 10-minute extract, *Second Sight*, from one of her older (1982) works, and she rounded things off with a further 15-minute solo, to Philip Glass's *Metamorphosis*, which proved to be the evening's most rewarding.

Her version of Stravinsky's *Rite* is called *State of Darkness*. There is a lot of ingenuity in the way she keeps movement going for half an hour with diversity of placing, energy and direction, much enhanced by David Moodey's varied lighting.

But the only real surprise is that she wears nothing but a pair of black tights, and sometimes ingeniously makes her breasts shake without otherwise moving her upper body. Otherwise there seems nothing in the choreography we have not seen in earlier works, and she has not found any way (difficult without a supporting cast) to indicate the ritual effect for which this music cries out.

The Philip Glass work made up for that disappointment. I cannot imagine why she calls the dance *Provenance Unknown*, since the provenance is apparent: an evolution of her own characteristic mixture of supple, athletic dance styles under the inspiration of Glass's strong and attractive rhythms, well played by David Owen as the piano soloist.

The interest comes partly, perhaps largely, from the greater degree of variation Fenley permits herself in the movement than Glass does in the music, although still within a pattern of repetition and development. This sets up a varying tension between music and choreography which shows the dancer to good advantage, performing excellently within her own strong qualities without over-reaching them as Stravinsky tempted her to do.

John Percival

Psalm symphony in tones too hushed

CONCERTS

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Festival Hall

After two enlivening evenings with Steve Reich on the South Bank, the third was a bit of a let down, partly because his symphony of psalms, *Tehillim*, was done in a chamber version which, even with amplification, sounded terribly discreet in this hall, and partly because the other work, *The Desert Music*, needed more confidence from the orchestra and, indeed, from this listener.

Speaking on Radio 3 just before the concert on Friday, Reich referred to *The Desert Music* with engaging frankness as "one of my best pieces", but this is not an easy view to share. Although the large choral and orchestral forces make possible some momentous effects, like the first entry of the voices, more generally the musical substance fails to take possession of the resources: the sound is often thick and undifferentiated. In large part the work sounds like a duff shot at what was then achieved with total success in *Sextet*, which Tuesday's performance showed certainly is one of the "best pieces".

Perhaps the fundamental problem, though, is not in the handling of large, conventional forces, but in the attempt at a conventional expressiveness which everything in Reich's art opposes. It is rather as if the mature Mondrian had tried to paint his cat: one applauds the bravery of the effort, particularly when Reich's theme is the big one of how we can live with the bomb, but it simply cannot work — and in the light of the theme, this failure is cause for pessimism about rather more than the condition of music.

The London Symphony Orchestra under Michael Tilson Thomas sounded still on the way towards Reich's desert of bony, bleached figures mirrored in the haze, though the BBC Singers were well in command of the vocal lines. Gregory Rose conducted the unsatisfactorily remote performance of *Tehillim*.

As the South Bank's Reich series goes on, so the repetitions between works become as fascinating as the not-quite-repeating patterns within them: there are processes, textures, complex metres and even rhythmic figures which keep cropping up in different contexts, much as one might see the same planar shapes — triangles, squares, hexagons — in each of a sequence of geometrical solids. Finding familiar ideas in new forms is part of the fun — for the composer, no doubt, as much as for his audience. But sometimes the resemblances are less exhilarating.

The orchestral *Three Movements* (1985-6), for instance, was all too close to *The Desert Music* in its layout and instrumentation, and like that work it gained nothing from proximity to the so much finer *Sextet*. But *The Four Sections* (1987), also scored for a large orchestra with strong tuned percussion ensemble, was an altogether firmer, cleaner and more independent piece, powerfully delivered on Saturday night by Tilson Thomas and the orchestra, who this time achieved the vitality and streamlining so necessary for Reich.

The "four sections" of the title are the departments of the orchestra and also the movements of the work, each movement concentrating on one of the departments, with decreasing exclusivity: it is a plan that happily leads to much more transparent textures than in *Three Movements*. At the start is an andante for strings: an odd opening for a Reich piece, disconcertingly reminiscent of Copland in melancholy rumination. But the second movement, for tuned percussion, refers profitably to the *Sextet*, and there is a reedy multiplicity of life in the third, woodwind movement suggesting the start of *The Rite of Spring*: here was proof, to counter the distinctly depressing first movement, that Reich can produce elegant and intriguing music for ensembles without percussion.

Paul Griffiths

ECO/Tate
Barbican

At 23, the young German violinist Frank Peter Zimmermann has travelled far. He has taken on the major orchestras of Europe, Scandinavia and America in addition to recital work, and he is enjoying an equally jet-propelled recording programme. On Saturday night it seemed that he is at the moment, perhaps, packing too many bags too often for his own good — and that of his audiences.

He was certainly worked hard in an all-Bach programme with the English Chamber Orchestra and Jeffrey Tate. Solo focus was provided by the Violin Concerto in A minor, and it was the imbalance between finely drawn, technically assured playing and interpretative undernourishment that was disappointing.

Zimmermann has an austerely intelligent feeling for the contours of Bach's lines, and a lucid grasp of their harmonic implications. But the fingers as yet obey the commands of the mind alone: there was little delight in the song of the second movement, little joy in the leaping arpeggios and roulades of the last, in short, little indication of what the music meant to *him*.

In the company of Neil Black, in the D minor Concerto for violin and oboe, Zimmermann's responses seemed keener. Although the violin tended at times to provide only a glassy reflection of the oboe's lead, Zimmermann offered prismatic accompaniment, and was obviously stimulated by his role as mediator between Black and his own orchestral colleagues.

The Bach Suite (No 3 in D) and Brandenburg Concerto (No 2 in F) which flanked the solo concertos saw Jeffrey Tate as a witty and authoritative harpsichord player.

Hilary Finch

Soul, but delivered without much heart

ROCK

Mica Paris
Dominion

Her regional dates having been scrapped owing to "commitments in Europe", Mica Paris's London showcase was a tentative and lacklustre affair offering only a glimpse of what this young South London singer may have to offer.

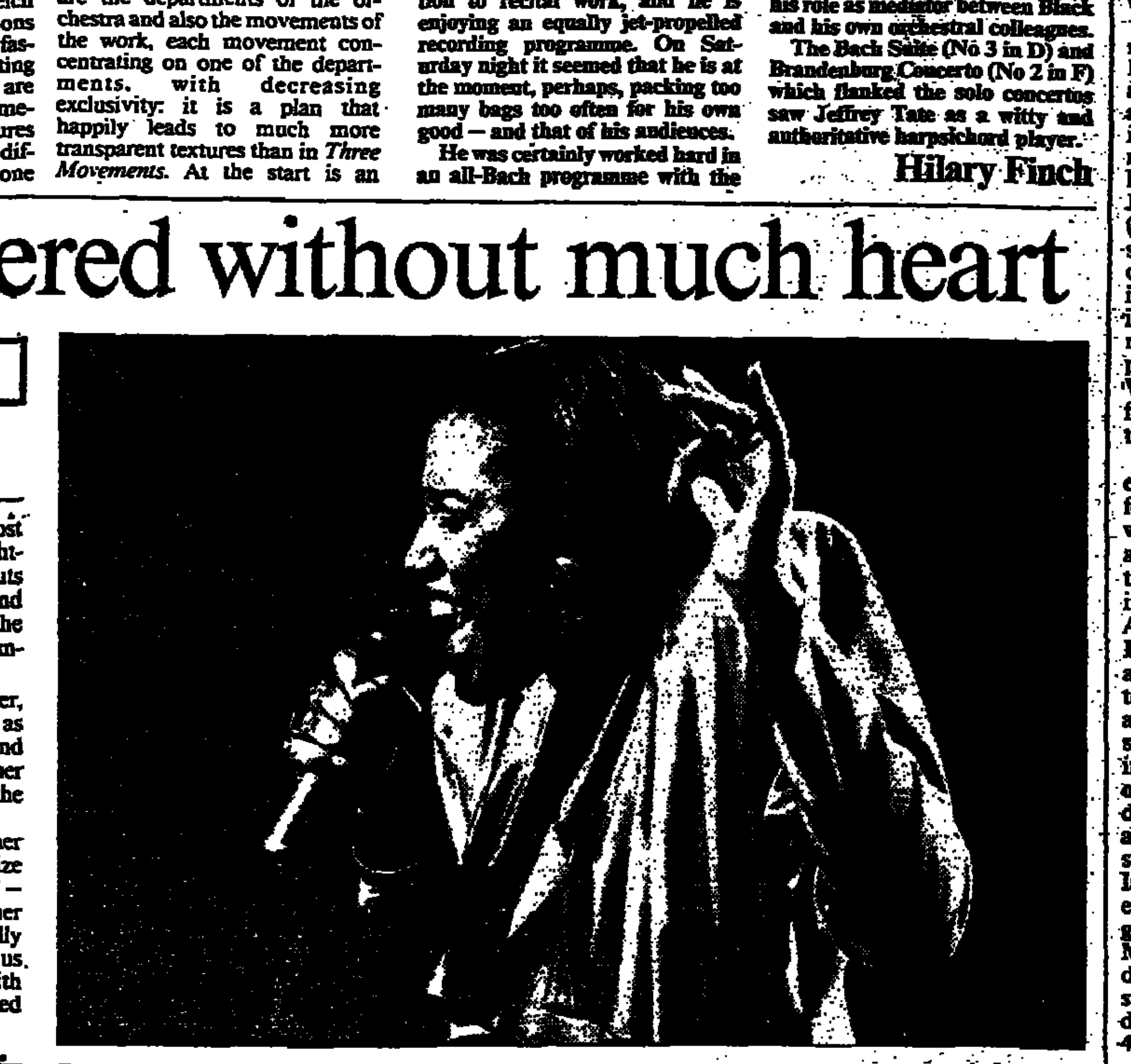
Paris is one of the new breed of British soul performers who gained early experience through singing the gospel in church. Two years ago, at the age of 16, she became the lead voice in the Spirit of Watts, a five-piece gospel group. She then graduated to the professional rock circuit as backing vocalist with Hollywood Beyond. Last May she secured a Top 10 hit with her first solo single release, "My One Temptation".

So far, so good. She has a reasonable technical facility, and a pleasing voice with an occasionally bluesy lilt to it. But already a weight of expectation has built up which she was quite unable to shoulder at the Dominion. Part of the problem was the uneven quality of her material which, apart from one new lolloping funk number, was taken entirely from her debut album, *So Good*. She was at her most comfortable with the straightforward electro-funk workouts "I'd Hate To Love You" and "Good Impersonation", where the tenor of the mood was uncomplicated.

But she came adrift with slower, more demanding material, such as "Breathe Life into Me" and "Words into Action", where her phrasing tended to skate over the arrangements in hurried bursts.

She repeatedly gave voice to her insecurities — "Do you recognize this one?", "Are you listening?" — and Will Downing, who joined her on "Don't Give Up", actually cajoled the audience, informing us that Paris was disappointed with what she felt was the restrained level of appreciation.

David Sinclair



Disappointing: Mica Paris felt let down by her audience at the Dominion, and the feeling was entirely mutual

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RADIO

Dallas in a palace

I am told that an expatriate World Service listener, hearing *Citizens*, wrote in to express his gratitude to the programme for confirming him in his belief that England was no longer the sort of land in which he wished to live. Take heart, help is at hand in the shape of Radio 4's **Crown House** (Sundays, repeating Wednesdays; director, Graham Gauld), eight episodes of upper class soap by Peter Ling and Juliet Ace.

Crown House, set in April, 1926, is to be "a tale of two families: the Minsters... and the Royal Family of Windsor". William Gaunt, the reigning Earl (Richard Pasco), has just succeeded to the title, which he assumes complete with imperious dowager mother (Margaret Rawlings) and wide agricultural rural interests. His wife, Alice (Dinah Sheridan), is occasional lady-in-waiting to that most stately of consorts, the late Queen Mary, and one of her first duties as countess is to attend the christening of the present Queen. Then there are his lordship's four grown-up, but still more or less dependent, children, each patently designed to engage our sympathies in a number of irresistible ways: will Lady Edith (Barbara Atkinson) manage to persuade her dad that her desire to become a painter is more than a girlish fad? And what will happen to the impossible passion that the housekeeper's daughter, Jenny (Jane Asher), seems to be developing for Richard, Viscount Ebony, the heir (Martin Jarvis)? What with royalty, aristocracy, romance, and agriculture, this enterprise appears to combine some of the most addictive features of *The Archers* with those of *The Sun*.

I would welcome the prospect of more fortnights like The Young Playwright's Festival several times a year. I heard 11 of the 21 plays and have not had such a stimulating two weeks' radio drama for rather a long time. Nothing I heard was run of the mill. Only Jeanette Winterson's **Static** (Thursday, October 20) occasionally brought back the flavour of the traditional afternoon offering, but it compensated with an idea — about an ancient, broken radio which suddenly begins to play back the lives of two World War Two deserters — that ranged far beyond traditional imagination, or lack of it.

For the rest, they were almost entirely innocent of that slightly forced dialogue and situation which has spelt the doom of many a radio play within minutes. I am truly at a loss to pick out individual contributors, but Adisadki Tantimedh's **After The Beep** (Tuesday, October 18), about a young man who can talk to his girlfriend only via his answering machine, was so assured that it swept me over improbabilities. Then in **The Colours Of The King's Rose** (Monday) by Anthony Neilson, I found a most affecting love-cum-ghost story, while the two 15-year-olds, Ian Boersma and Abigail Docherty who wrote respectively **Angles** and **Listen To My Inside Mind** (both Sunday, October 23) displayed an emotional understanding and maturity which I doubt if I, with a lead of more than 40 years, have yet attained.

David Wade

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MONDAY PAGE

'Life will be a little difficult'

Four weeks ago the jockey Jessica Charles-Jones broke her back in a fall. Sally Brompton discovered how a family who lived and breathed racing is facing up to a life out of the saddle

It is four weeks since doctors told 23-year-old jockey Jessica Charles-Jones that she will probably never walk again. Since then, Jessica has been keeping up the spirits of her family and friends as she lies in her hospital bed, paralysed from the waist down, refusing to give in to self-pity, depression or despair.

"She's ever so gutsy," says her elder sister, Pauline, aged 28. "She's always been like that, ever since she was a small child." Certainly, Jessica's bubbling optimism is making the tragedy less agonizing for her family to bear.

The fall at Southwell, Nottinghamshire, that broke Jessica's spine between the shoulder blades was the latest in a series of major riding accidents that have struck the jockeys in her family in recent months. Her husband, Gareth, 27, fractured his skull and could not ride for nine months, while her sister, Tracy, 26, was severely concussed and suffered head and back injuries.

Now, however, as a result of Jessica's injury and to protect their mother from "further mental anguish", Tracy has decided to retire from riding professionally and Pauline, who has broken both her collar bones in the past, has given up point-to-points. "We can't put Mum through it any more," Tracy says. "She's never been able to watch us because she's worried so much. Dad's different because he's never known fear himself, never shown his feelings." "Dad" is the West Country trainer George Turner.

Even so, since Jessica's accident, the girls have seen their strong, quiet father in a different light. "It's the worst I've ever seen Dad," Pauline admits. "It hit him very hard," Tracy says.

For the three sisters, who realized every horse-mad schoolgirl's ambition of making a profession out of an obsession, the dream is finally over.

For Pauline, Tracy and Jessica, brought up on their parents' farm in Devon, there was never anything else. They were sitting on ponies before they could toddle, winning rosettes before they could spell. At the age of six Jessica was riding in hunter trials. By the time she was 14 she had decided "to go into the racing side of things".

"Jess was a proper show-off," Tracy says. Pauline remembers competitive riding transforming her youngest sister from an excruciatingly shy child to her present outgoing self.

The truancy officer was a frequent visitor to her parents' farm. "Jess wasn't very academic at school," Pauline says delicately. "In fact, she didn't go very often." Says Jessica: "There never seemed much point. I always knew exactly what I was going to do. Going to the races seemed much more important than learning to read and write." She adds ruefully: "That's why I can't do anything else now. Life's going to be a little difficult for a while."

"Mum and Dad never expanded our horizons," Tracy says. "Ever since we were tiny it was always horses, horses and racing and so that's all we know."

STEPHEN MARKESON

Chin up: Jessica and Gareth Charles-Jones insist that "whatever happens, we'll make the best of it"

Surrounded by piles of get-well cards and banks of flowers — "some of them from people we hardly know" — in her bed at the spinal unit of Salisbury's Odstock Hospital, Jessica insists that she is feeling fine. "I get a little bit claustrophobic sometimes and feel like getting up and running around the ward. But I can't do that."

The nurses turn her every four hours and push her bed out into the corridor each evening so that she can have a cigarette. She has Gareth's carphone by her bed and a television and video bought with part of the £1,100 collected by fellow jockeys from the bookmakers and owners at Wincanton and Kempton.

The Jockey's Association has started a fund for her which will help her to buy a wheelchair and the specially-adapted trappings of the disabled — "just until I get going", says Jessica. Despite the doctors' gloomy prognosis she is determined to walk again.

It is an attitude shared by her close-knit family, who steadfastly refuse to accept the worst. "None of us accept that she won't walk again," Pauline says. "And if it's all down to fighting, I know she'll get better."

While Jessica and Tracy became leading national hunt jockeys, Pauline stuck to point-to-pointing and helping her father to run his yard in Tavistock. Turner went into race horse training with his daughters in mind. "George just wanted his girls to be top jockeys," Gareth says. "He wanted Jessie to be Champion Lady Rider this year — and she would have been. She's had four wins already this season."

Gareth's fierce pride in his wife's achievements is all the more touching since he tried to persuade her to give up racing when they married two years ago. "What's happened to Jessie is what you really fear all the time. It's always been in the back of my mind — that I didn't want to be pushing Jess around in a wheelchair. But when I suggested she stop racing there were floods of tears and I had to back down. But it wouldn't have been a full relationship unless she'd got this racing out of her system. She wouldn't have been satisfied."

They met at Chepstow in 1984 after Jessica came fourth in a race which Gareth won. He admits that Jessica's accident seems to have affected him more than her. When he fractured his skull after just four months of marriage, it was Jessica who nursed him back to health. "She was like a rock to hang on to," he says. "She was never flustered, always strong."

Jessica's accident means they must leave their rented cottage in Berkshire and the stables where Gareth has been promised an assistant trainer's job. They will move to a house on her father's farm so that the family can keep an eye on her when Gareth is away.

"It's changed everything around so much," Gareth says. "I'd set my sights on being a trainer up here. But never mind, my priority is Jessica. We haven't given what's going to happen much thought. But whatever happens, we'll make the best of it."

Both he and Tracy have moved into the hospital and, apart for the mornings when Gareth rides out, spend all their time at Jessica's bedside. "I hope readers of *The Times* will realize that Jessica has a husband," Gareth complained as Stephen Markeson, the photographer, initially concentrated his lens on the two sisters. Jessica stroked her husband's cheek and gave him one of her brilliant smiles.

"When we're down in Devon it's going to be you and me, Jess," Gareth says, "not you and your family."

They are aware that sharing a love of racing has given them a special closeness. "It would be dreadful to marry a man who didn't ride," Jessica says. "Boring we are because we do talk about racing and horses 24 hours a day."

While Jessica continues to be her ebullient self, her family waits for a possible reaction. "She's been like this ever since the accident," Pauline says. "Whether it will hit her later, I don't know."

But what about late at night, when Gareth and Tracy have gone to bed and the ward is silent? "I usually switch on and watch the late films," Jessica says.

"Is there nothing in there, Jessie?" demands Gareth, patting Jessica's ginger hair, perplexed by her apparent refusal to acknowledge her situation.

"If you start thinking about things . . ." Jessica lets the sentence tail away.

"You've got to think about it some time," Gareth argues.

Another reassuring smile from Jessica. "I know what's happened and the situation and I've just got to make the best of it. I shall get through these next four weeks and then I can start pulling my socks up and doing everything I can to get back to normal."

"Obviously there are going to be some unforeseeable problems," Gareth says. "I imagine Jessie will get very frustrated when she gets going. She's got a very short temper at the best of times. Things haven't really changed much. We must have had about 20 arguments since she's been in here!"

The doctors have told Jessica that there is no reason why she should not have children — something she and Gareth had postponed until she was ready to retire from racing. "It had to be something like this to change it," Jessica says. "I would have kept going for quite a while. I wouldn't stop my children riding — or even racing. It's a funny old game but it's great, really. I can't imagine ever doing anything else."

The winter rip-off?

You might shiver as much in thermal underwear as cotton

The Princess of Wales, who has described herself as "a walking advertisement for Damart", could be feeling a draught this winter, because pricey thermal underwear, including that made by Damart, the brand leader, has been scientifically tested and found little or no warmer than ordinary cotton.

There is no British standard for the warmth of winter woollies sporting the "thermal" label, but following Edwina Currie's cosy notion that old people should stock up with thermal underwear for winter, the results of the tests — to be published in the December issue of *The Trading Standards Review*, the journal of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration — suggest the garments will prove cold comfort when temperatures fall.

Birmingham trading standards officers bought a random sample of nine vests labelled as thermal in city shops and sent them to the Shirley Institute (now part of *the British Textile Technology Group*) to compare them for thermal insulation with an ordinary M & S cotton vest costing £4.50.

Only two thermal vests (including the cheapest, Guardian brand at £3.95) were significantly warmer than the ordinary one, and one, made by Wolsey and sold at £7.95, was so much chillier it provided less thermal insulation than a Shirley Institute researcher had suggested would be appropriate as the minimum even for ordinary underwear.

Personally I think it's a bit namby-pamby...
THERMAL

Among the thermal vests which failed to reach the level of insulation the Shirley Institute thought appropriate as the minimum for thermal vests were the brand leader, Damart, costing £10.25, and *an own-label* vest *sold* by Blacks Camping and Leisure, priced at £13.95.

A spokesman for the BTTG commented: "Our tests were completely scientific, but there is little difference between fabrics as to the degree of insulation they provide. The thickness of the clothes gives a fairly accurate idea how effective they will be at immobilizing air to provide insulation."

Damart said: "We are surprised that our vest did not meet the suggested standard. We do have a wide range. There are Damart vests designed to be worn under evening clothes, when people would not expect to be all that chilly."

A spokesman for Wolsey said that Birmingham had tested one of its singlets designed to keep people warm while playing active sports and claimed that the company's other thermal vests would have proved more effective. The Birmingham trading standards department, though, pointed out that the packaging for the vest they tested claimed the singlet would provide "real warmth for outdoor activities".

"*That could mean ski-ing*, rock climbing or ice skating," the Birmingham spokesman commented, "in which case even a fit and active person could freeze to death wearing one of these".

Robin Young

In a uniform style

PENNY PERRICK

After designer food and designer socialism, can designer schools be far behind? I thought that they had definitely arrived when I read an advertisement in *The Spectator* for St Leonards School for Girls, in St Andrews, Fife, which read: "A carpet of 1830 executed in pale green with Corinthian patterned edging in the Housemistress's drawing room. . . acres of immaculately groomed grounds and playing fields by the glorious sea on which bob the charming eider, the sad seal, and even the ineptly named booby. . . the package that we offer the cultivated parent with educable daughters is unique and, alas, expensive. But, can you afford not to explore it?"

As one who went to an educational establishment in which the floor covering was streaky oxblood lino and whose grounds consisted of a few yards of crumbling asphalt marked out as a netball pitch, my imagination went into overkill at the thought of the St Leonards "package". I visualized a crocodile of educable daughters walking out in uniforms designed by the latest British fashion star, John Flett, who claims to work in "baked organza". The school hymns would be set to music by U2. School dinners would consist of tiny slivers of monkfish decorated with a sprig of dill and set atop a scoop of raspberry vinegar sauce. There would be a choice of dormitories: some would contain 17th-century four-posters and swagged curtains and some, for the more minimalist pupils, would have futons and blinds with vertical slats.

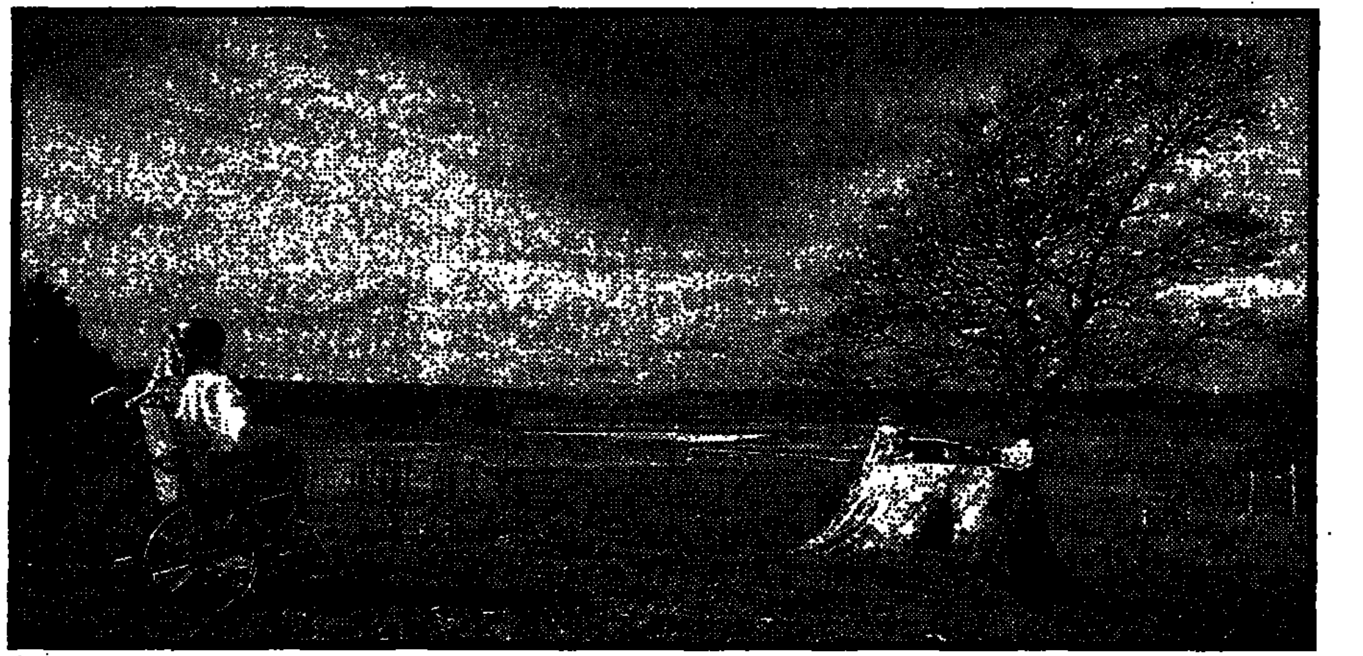
School trips would be to Umbria (Tuscany is dead, dead, dead, darling) and the entrance examinations would ask questions on the philosophy of *Blitz* magazine and demand a fresh interpretation of the work of Tama Janowitz. The debating society would discuss issues like "This house agrees that it is impossible to live life fully unless you own a Sonia Rykiel jersey, membership of the Groucho club, and can always lay claim to your favourite table at Bibendum".

Since I am a journalist and not a writer of fiction I thought that before I went any further I had better check a few facts about St Leonards and so I rang up the headmistress, Mrs Mary James.

A bucket of chilly Scottish water was poured on my imaginings. Mrs James told me that her school was founded in 1877 by a group of university teachers. Its 410 pupils wore a dark brown uniform, as uninspiring as most other outfits considered suitable for the growing girl. School dinners were not the stodgy muck that I was once forced to eat as there was a growing trend towards vegetarianism, but it was "good, wholesome food" all the same. Even the fees were not all that outlandish, £2,300 a term, which is about the going rate for a good boarding school these days.

The reason for the extraordinary advertisement was that the member of staff who wrote it had a background in the advertising industry and thought that *Spectator* readers would like to be entertained. It is my own opinion that most *Spectator* readers would fall out of their Young Fogey-style Georgian armchairs at the thought of a carpet with Corinthian patterned edging being tramped on by hordes of buxom schoolgirls, but we'll let that pass.

It turned out that the admirable Mrs James, far from being a designer headmistress, was trying to educate her girls to take their rightful place in a man's world while at the same time adapting that world to the needs *and desires of* women. A daunting and necessary task indeed, but about as trendy right now as a pair of bicycle clips.



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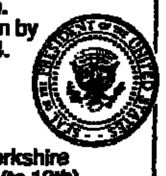
INFORMATION *for* NOVEMBER

TUESDAY

1 **Concerts:** First in a series of Bartok's works, LPO conducted by Georg Solti, Royal Festival Hall, London.
Dance: DV8's new work, ICA, London (to 5th).
Rock: George Benson, Wembley (to 5th); Chris de Burgh, BIC, Bournemouth (and 2nd); Julia Fordham's tour starts Dominion, London.
Sport: Boxing: British Cruiserweight Championship (Andy Straughn v Tee Jay), Reading.

8 **Dance:** La La La Human Steps, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London (to 12th).
News: US presidential election.
Radio: First Reith Lecture given by Professor Geoffrey Hosking, Radio 4.
Rock: Graham Parker, Town and Country Club, London.
Sport: Tennis: Benson and Hedges tournament, Wembley (to 13th).
Theatre: The Lords of Misrule's A Yorkshire Tragedy opens Civic Theatre, Leeds (to 12th).



15 **Concerts:** Music from the Flames series LSO conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich, Barbican, London.
Rock: David Lee Roth, Wembley.
Sport: Badminton: England v China, Derby (five date tour, to 23rd).
Theatre: Previews of Tennessee Williams's (right) Orpheus Descending (Vanessa Redgrave and Julie Covington), Theatre Royal, Bath. Opens 16th (to Nov 26th).

22 **Dance:** Premiere of David Bintley's The Art of Fugue, Royal Ballet, Covent Garden (in rep to Dec 12th); London Contemporary Dance Theatre Gala, Sadler's Wells, London (to Dec 3rd).
Events: State opening of Parliament.
Theatre: Previews Bristol Old Vic's Inventing a New Colour by Paul Godfrey, Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, London. Opens 23rd (to mid-Dec).

29 **Dance:** London Contemporary Dance Theatre perform premiere of Daniel Larrieu's Good Morning, Monsieur, Sadler's Wells Theatre, London (to Dec 3rd).
Rock: Billy Bragg and Michelle Shocked, Dominion, London; Barry White, Apollo, Manchester.
Theatre: Actors Touring Company's production of Pierre Corneille's The Illusion opens Lyric Studio, London (to Dec 17th).

WEDNESDAY

2 **Concerts:** Schoenberg's Die Jakobsleiter conducted by Christoph von Dohnanyi, RFH, London; Steve Reich with the Kronos Quartet, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.
Sport: Boxing: WBA superfeatherweight championship (Jim McDonnell v Brian Mitchell), Elephant and Castle, London.
Theatre: Previews of Braham Murray's Macbeth, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester. Opens 3rd (to Dec 17th).

9 **Dance:** Siobhan Davies Company perform two new works, Riverside Theatre (to 12th).
Opera: Premiere of Philip Glass's The Making of the Representative for Planet 8, ENO, Coliseum (and 12th, 17th, 22nd and 30th).
Rock: Living Colour's tour starts Manchester University; George Benson, NEC, Birmingham (and 10th).
Theatre: Previews of Heart Throb, Bush Theatre, London. Opens 11th (ends Dec 11th).

16 **Opera:** Semi-staged presentation of Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream (Maria Atiken, and London Mozart Players conducted by Jane Glover), Barbican.
Rock: Chris de Burgh, Wembley (to 20th).
Sport: Football: Saudi Arabia v England, Riyadh; Swimming: ASA short course championships, Plymouth (to 20th).
Theatre: Alan Ayckbourn's Henceforward (Ian McKellen, Jane Asher) opens Vaudeville, London.

23 **Galleries:** Julian Schnabel, Waddington Gallery, London (to Dec 23rd).
Opera: Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado, ENO, Coliseum (and 25th and 29th).
Rock: Julio Iglesias, Wembley Arena.
Sport: Netball: England v New Zealand, Gateshead (first in three-match tour).
Theatre: Previews of Berger and Bielski's A Question of Geography, RSC, Barbican, London. Opens 29th.

30 **Photography:** Towards a Bigger Picture, a survey of contemporary British photoworks, Victoria and Albert Museum, London (to Jan 15th).
Rock: Bruce Hornsby and the Range, Hammersmith Odeon; Cliff Richard, Brighton Centre, Brighton (to Dec 3rd).
Sport: Basketball: European Championship: England v Netherlands, Manchester.

THURSDAY

3 **Galleries:** Panoramania (panorama paintings from the 18th-century to the present), Barbican Centre, London (to Jan 15th); The Big I Am (Ralph Steadman) October Gallery, London (to Dec 17th).
Sport: Golf: Europcar Cup, Biarritz (to 6th); Tennis: Wightman Cup, Albert Hall, London (to 5th).
Theatre: Previews of Asylum (with Sarah Miles), Lyric Hammersmith, London. Opens 8th (to Dec 10th).

10 **Festivals:** David Mamet's Things Change (with Don Ameche and Joe Mantegna) opens the London Film Festival at Odeon West End (to 27th).
Galleries: The Shelter Drawings by Henry Moore, British Museum, London (to Feb 12th).
Opera: Verdi's Simon Boccanegra, ENO, Coliseum (and 15th, 18th, 24th and 26th).
Rock: Steel Pulse, Brixton Academy, London.
Sport: Golf: Nabisco World Final, Pebble Beach (to 13th).

17 **Events:** Beaujolais Nouveau release day.
Rock: Sigue Sigue Sputnik, Astoria, London.
Sport: Golf: Australia v Britain, Fort Douglas (to 20th).
Theatre: Previews of Traverse Theatre's production of The Conquest of the South Pole by Manfred Karge, Royal Court Theatre, London. Opens 22nd (to Dec 17th).

24 **Rock:** Jimmy Page, Hammersmith Odeon, London; Barry Manilow, Playhouse, Edinburgh (and 25th); The Mission, Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell.
Sport: Badminton: Scottish Open, Edinburgh (to 27th); Basketball: European Championship, Czechoslovakia v England, Prague.
Theatre: Previews of Howard Brenton's The Churchill Play (with Colin Welland), RSC, Barbican. Opens 30th.

FRIDAY

4 **Dance:** Royal Ballet perform Sleeping Beauty, Covent Garden, London (in rep to Dec 10th).
News: Service of dedication to mark the restoration of York Minster's South Transept, destroyed by fire four years ago.
Rock: Boxcar Willie's tour starts, Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury.
Sport: Swimming: British Masters, Dundee (and 5th).

11 **Film:** Colors (with Sean Penn, right), Odeon, London.
Sport: Snooker: Tennents United Kingdom Professional Championship, Preston (to 27th).
Theatre: Preview of Drums in the Night, Haymarket, Leicester. Opens 15th (to Dec 10th).

18 **Festivals:** Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival (0484 22288 ext 2103) (to 27th).
Film: Tucker, directed by Francis Coppola, starring Jeff Bridges, Odeon Haymarket, London.
Jazz: Jan Garbarek's tour starts, Greenwich Borough Hall, London (to Dec 2nd).
Rock: Barry Manilow, RDS, Dublin; Richard Thompson's tour starts Astoria, Leeds.

25 **Film:** Bird (with Forest Whitaker right) opens nationwide.
Galleries: Richard Deacon retrospective, Whitechapel Gallery, London (to Jan 22nd).
Sport: Squash Rackets: Inter-City national championships, Bristol (to Dec 1st).

SATURDAY

5 **Events:** Guy Fawkes night celebrations nationwide.
Festivals: Armistice Festival opens with Philharmonia conducted by Gennadi Rozhdestvensky, RFH, London.
Sport: Fencing: Tolly Cobbold women's épée international, Ipswich (and 6th); Racing: Final day of flat includes November Handicap, Doncaster, and Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs; Rugby Union: England v Australia, Twickenham.

12 **Events:** Lord Mayor's Procession starts from the Guildhall, London.
Rock: Living Colour, Town and Country Club; Billy Bragg and Michelle Shocked's tour starts, Royal Court, Liverpool; Tanita Tikaram, Dome, Brighton.
Sport: Racing: Mackeson Gold Cup, Cheltenham; Rugby Union: Wales v Western Samoa, Cardiff.

19 **Rock:** Sade (right), NEC, Birmingham; Elkie Brooks's tour starts Cornwall Coliseum, St Austell.
Sport: Gymnastics: Rhythmic International, Wembley Conference Centre; Rowing: Fours Head of the River, Tideway; Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia, Edinburgh.

26 **Rock:** Gary Glitter's tour starts Torbay Leisure Centre; Gipsy Kings, Dominion, London; Hollies, Albert Hall, London.
Sport: Modern Pentathlon: National Biathlon Championships, Dunfermline (and 27th); Orienteering: British Night Championships, King's Lynn; Racing: Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Newbury; Rugby Union: Barbarians v Australians, Cardiff.

SUNDAY

6 **Concert:** Kronos Quartet and Naked City, Royalty Theatre, London.
Events: London to Brighton veteran car run starts Hyde Park.
Theatre: Jail Diary of Albee Sachs (anti-apartheid benefit) Young Vic, London; An Evening with Queen Victoria, Playhouse, London (Aids benefit).

13 **Events:** Remembrance Sunday Service, Centotaph, London.
Latin music: Celia Cruz, Palais Hammersmith, London.
Opera: Opera North's 10th Anniversary Gala, Grand Theatre, Leeds.
Sport: Motor Sport: Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide.
Theatre: Alan Bates in A Muse of Fire, Playhouse, London (Aids benefit).

20 **Concerts:** Arditti Quartet perform Schoenberg's string quartets, Purcell Room, South Bank, London.
Festivals: Cardiff Festival of Music (0222 555400) (to Dec 6th).
Rock: Barry Manilow, Apollo, Manchester (and 21st); Iron Maiden's tour starts Playhouse, Edinburgh; Richard Thompson, Town and Country Club, London.
Sport: Rallying: Lombard RAC Rally, from Harrogate (to 25th).

27 **Concerts:** Karlheinz Stockhausen (right) introduces recent works including several UK premieres, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.
Rock: Huey Lewis and the News, Wembley Arena (to 29th).
Sport: Orienteering: National event, Sheringham.

MONDAY

7 **Dance:** London Festival Ballet's tour starts with Swan Lake, Theatre Royal, Newcastle.
Events: Christmas lights switched on, Regent Street, London (to Jan 6th).
Jazz: Irakere, Ronnie Scott's, London (to 12th).
Rock: George Benson, Playhouse, Edinburgh.

14 **Jazz:** Arturo Sandoval, Ronnie Scott's, London (to 19th).
Opera: Premiere of John Cox's new production of Massenet's Manon (with Leontina Vaduva), Royal Opera House, London (and 19th, 26th, and 29th).
Rock: David Lee Roth, NEC Birmingham; Hothouse Flowers's tour starts Apollo, Manchester.
Sport: Tennis: Virginia Slims Championships, New York (to 20th).

21 **Galleries:** Jean Michel Basquiat and Andy Warhol, Mayor Rowan Gallery, London (to Jan 21st).
Events: Opening of Bank of England Museum, London.
Rock: Jimmy Page's solo tour starts Hummingbird, Birmingham; Huey Lewis and the News, NEC, Birmingham (and 22nd); Sade, Wembley Arena (and 22nd).
Sport: Tennis: British National Championships, Queen's Club, London (to 27th).

28 **Concerts:** Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra conducted by Vladimir Fedoseyer, Barbican Centre, London.
Rock: Steve Earle, Town and Country Club, London (and 29th); Barry Manilow, BIC, Bournemouth (and 29th).
Sport: Badminton: Carlton v Vauxhall Challenge, Leeds (first of six-match series); Ice Skating: British Dance and Figure Championships, NEC, Birmingham (to 30th).

MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Player, 53.
2 Burt Lancaster, 75. Said Aouita, 28; Sir John Sainsbury, 61.
3 Lulu, 40; Kenneth Baker MP, 54; Ludovic Kennedy, 69.
4 Michael Meacher MP, 49; Joyce Blair, 56; Walter Cronkite, 72.
5 Lester Piggott, 53.
6 P.J. Proby, 50.
7 Dr Billy Graham, 70; Dame Joan Sutherland, 62.
8 Alain Delon, 53; Professor Christiaan Barnard, 66; Tamas Vasary, 55.
9 Katharine Hepburn, 79; Roger McGough, 51.
14 Prince of Wales, 40; Dame Elisabeth Frink, 58.
15 Daniel Barenboim, 46; J.G. Ballard, 58; Hamish Hamilton, 88; Andre Deutsch, 71.
16 Frank Bruno, 27; Willie Carson, 46; Griff Rhys Jones, 35; Burgess Meredith, 80.
17 Peter Cook, 51; Auberon Waugh, 49; Sir Charles Mackerras, 63.
19 Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, 68.
20 Alistair Cooke, 80.
21 Beryl Bainbridge, 54; Roy and John Boulting, 75.
22 Sir Peter Hall, 58; Billie Jean King, 45.
24 Ian Botham, 33.
25 Imran Khan, 36; Bernard Weatherill, 68; Richard Seifert, 78.
26 Lord Forte, 80; Charlie Schulz, 66.
27 Robert Dougall, 75.
29 William "Dusty" Hare, 36; Derek Jameson, 59.
30 Gary Lineker, 28; Radu Lupu, 43.

The Prince of Wales: 40 years old this month

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Britain's first motorway (M1) opened (1959).
5 Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the House of Commons (1605).
7 Last public hanging, Tyburn (1783).
9 Jack the Ripper murdered his last victim (1888).
11 First World War Armistice Day (1918).
15 Pu Yi became the last Chinese Emperor aged 2 years 9 months (1908).
18 King's Cross Underground fire disaster (1987).
19 Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address (1863).
20 Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip married Westminster Abbey (1947).
21 Birth of Harpo Marx (1888).
22 Assassination of John F. Kennedy, President of the US (1963).
25 Mousetrap opened Ambassadors Theatre, London (1953).
30 Crystal Palace burnt down (1936).

John F. Kennedy: 25 years since his death

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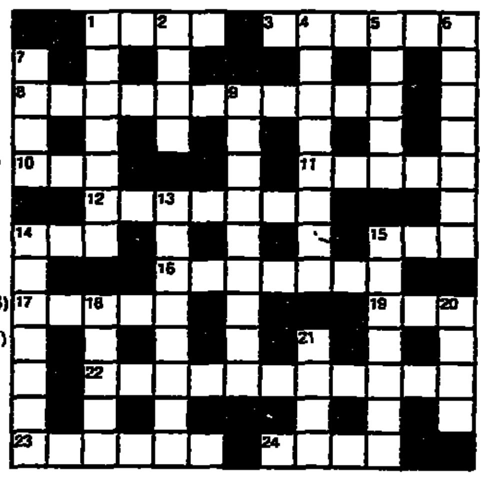

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1 Therefore (4)
3 Compliance (6)
8 Plassey victor (6,5)
10 Affirmative vote (3)
11 Preliminary part (5)
12 Small frying pan (7)
14 Grass fodder (3)
15 Black/white diver (3)
16 Egyptian "paper" (7)
19 And so forth (3)
22 With windows (11)
23 Arrow poison (6)
24 Heroic (4)

DOWN
1 Diplomat's residence (7)
2 Spiritual leader (4)
4 Curved sword (8)
5 Throw out (5)
6 Grass tuft (7)
7 Neutral (4)
9 Leg splints (9)
13 Criticiser (8)
14 Of liver (7)
15 Germ-free (7)
18 Full-term prisoner (5)
20 Yield (4)
21 Stumble (4)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

SEPHEN
(b) A kind of sting-ray, from the Arabic *safan* shagreen: "The best galuchat, or what we should call shagreen, is made from the skin of the sephen, which abounds in the Mediterranean Sea."

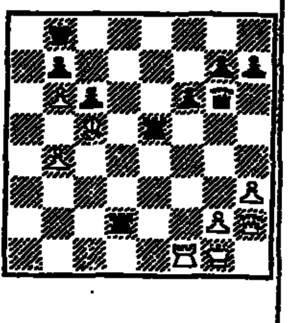
FARD
(b) White paint for the face, as verb to paint the face white, origin obscure, perhaps from Old High German *gi-farwit* coloured; Smollett: "Rouge and fard are more peculiarly necessary in this country."

TWIBILL
(a) A double-headed battle-axe, or bill, or other instrument with two cutting edges, from the Old English ancestor *twibil*: "Sharpe axes, twibills, two-handed swords, and speares with two heads borne were then the weapons."

ENERGUMEN
(a) Someone possessed by the devil, a possessed enthusiast or fanatical devotee, from the Greek *energoumenos* having been worked upon: "When General Washington was withdrawn, the energumeni of royalism mounted on the car of State."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is taken from the game between Alekhine (White) and Reshevsky (Black), played at Kemeri in 1937. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Edgar Kennedy in *Rough on Rents* (b/w) **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Eamonn Holmes and Natalie Anglesey **9.20** Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on whether or not we believe in ghosts
10.00 News and weather followed by The Pink Panther Show (r). **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane, begins with Playbus. **10.50** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Patricia Routledge with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air presented by Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Today's edition of the magazine series includes guest Julie Christie talking about her recent trip to Kampuchea. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Paul is concerned about Lucy's discovery at Lassiter's Lake. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Ironside. The Chief and his team arrange an elaborate ruse to catch a conman (r). **3.00** Hudson and Halls. Peter and David prepare another selection of dishes. Their guest is Cheryl Baker **3.25** Bazaar. This week's edition of the time- and money-saving ideas programme includes Tony de Angeli, editor of *The Grocer* supermarket shopping in Milton Keynes
3.50 Stoppit and Tidyup narrated by Terry Wogan **4.00** A Bear Behind **4.10** Rupert. **4.15** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r). **4.20** Defenders of the Earth. (Ceefax)
4.40 What's Your Story? The first of a new series in which viewers are asked to continue the storyline following this first episode of a drama. **4.55** Newsround
5.05 Blue Peter. Caron Keating meets a school of sharks while she is diving off the California coast. (Ceefax)
5.30 What's Your Story? Sylvester McCoy receives ideas for tomorrow's episode. To contribute call 021-432 5432. **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer.
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Wogan. Terry's Hallowe'en guests are James Herbert, Clive Barker, Marion Dampier-Jeans and Carmen Rogers
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs
8.00 Wyatt's Watchdogs. Comedy series about keen Neighbourhood Watch participants. (Ceefax)
8.30 Streets Apart. Comedy romance about a taxi-driver widower who meets his spinster childhood sweetheart, now a high-powered career woman. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News. Martyn Lewis introduces a new-style format. Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: Pakistan — Paying for the Holy War. Reports from both Afghanistan and Pakistan on the price Pakistan has paid for its involvement in a neighbour's war.
10.10 Paul Daniels: Live at Hallowe'en. Magic and mystery from the illusionist and his guest Eugene Burger
10.50 Film 88 includes a review of *Switching Channels*.
11.20 Electric Avenue. Computers in society series. **11.45** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathryn Holloway; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes an item on children's school refusal
9.25 Lucky Ladders. The first of a new word game series. The questionmaster is Lennie Bennett **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes, at **11.00**, childcare advice and, at **11.45**, ideas for a small garden. With national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55**.
12.10 Playbox. A new series for the under-fives presented by Pat Coombs and Keith Chegwin
12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township.
1.00 News at One **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 Film: My Foolish Heart (1949, b/w) starring Susan Hayward and Dana Andrews. Romantic drama about a Second World War love affair in which a woman tries to make her husband believe that the child she is expecting is his. Directed by Mark Robson
3.25 Thames news and weather **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital
4.00 Jim Henson Presents: Mother Goose Stories **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin (r). **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters. Cartoon adventures **4.45** Knightmare. Computer adventure game.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game presented by Bob Holness
5.45 News
6.00 Thames News and weather
6.30 Reporting London includes a report on how government cutbacks are affecting marriage guidance councils and family planning clinics.
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Brain and brawn competition. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Rita decides to to sort out her love life once and for all. (Oracle)
8.00 Never the Twain. Comedy series
8.30 World in Action: The Last Days of a God King. A documentary examining the confusing future for Japan after Emperor Hirohito
9.00 Game, Set & Match. Episode six of the 13-part thriller based on Len Deighton's spy trilogy and Bernard Samson is now a marked man with his children under armed guard in case the KGB try to have them kidnapped. MI6 see a chance of revenge when they receive interesting news from Mexico. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten **10.30** Thames news and weather
10.35 Cockney Darts Classic from Trueman's Brewery in London's East End.
11.20 Chiefs — Once Upon a Murder. Part one of a mini-series about three generations of the police department in Delano, a small Georgia town, beginning in 1924, ending in the late 1960s. Starring Charlton Heston and Keith Carradine (r).
1.00 Sportsworld Extra. Golf, motorcycling and football
2.00 News headlines followed by Film: Don't Drink the Water (1969) starring Jackie Gleason as a caterer who is holed up in the American Embassy of an Eastern bloc country after being accused of taking sensitive photographs while on holiday. Directed by Howard Morris
4.00 News headlines followed by 60 Minutes. Interviews and investigations from the United States.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00**.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.40** Daytime on Two: The global supermarket **10.05** For the very young **11.18** Street music **10.40** Thinkabout **10.58** Rocks and soil **11.20** Electronic keyboards **11.40** Maths investigations **12.00** French apprentice jockeys **12.15** The Treaty of Versailles **12.35** Dukakis or Bush? **1.00** Earth's closest star
1.25 The Adventures of Spot (r). **1.30** What's Inside? (r). **1.40** Landmarks. The docks **2.00** News and weather followed by Words and Pictures (r).
2.15 Songs of Praise from Hartland (r). (Ceefax) **2.50** Town Portraits. North Shields (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by International Pro-Celebrity Golf. Sandy Lyle and Lee Trevino are joined by Ronnie Corbett and Bernard Cribbins (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather.
4.00 Championship Bowls. The CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Championship.
4.25 *Blizzard's Outdoor Toys*. Wooden vehicles for the garden **4.40** Behind the Screen.
4.45 Championship Bowls. Another visit to Preston.
6.00 DEF II begins with Behind the Beat which includes preview clips of Michael Jackson's *Moonwalker*. **6.35** Scene: Getting In. Four teenagers decide to burgle a warehouse (r). **7.00** Cartoon Two
7.10 Perfect Strangers. Comedy
7.35 Education Programme. Problems posed by children who begin school below the statutory age.
8.05 Reaching for the Skies. Programme eight of a 12-part series on the story of aviation. (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: Annie's Coming Out (1984) starring Angela Punch McGregor and Drew Forsyth. Australian drama about the battle of a therapist to prevent a 13-year-old girl from vegetating in a hospital for the mentally retarded. Directed by Gil Brealey.
10.30 Newsnight **11.15** Weather
11.20 Championship Bowls. The CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Championship. Ends at **12.35am**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Make it Count. Open College series on numbers (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Write On improving writing skills (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: Thieves' Highway (1949, b/w) starring Richard Conte and Lee J. Cobb. Drama about a truck driver and his mates tangling with a racketeering wholesaler. Directed by Jules Dassin
3.45 Years Ahead. Magazine programme for the older viewer introduced by Robert Dougall. Includes a report on Britain's last lighthouse keeper; a nature walk along the Pembrokeshire coast; a profile of the Isle of Raasay's oldest inhabitant; and an interview with painter David Gentleman.
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game.
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show
6.00 The Munsters (b/w). Vintage American comedy series
6.30 Landshapes. Part two of Tim Preece's seven-programme series on the story of the British landscape. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Brookside. Jimmy is squatting at the Corkhills when the house is boarded up; and Sheila sees Anna and Brian in an embrace. (Oracle)
8.30 This is David Lander (see Choice)
9.00 Cities Fit To Live In (see Choice)
10.00 Hill Street Blues. The opening episode of the final series of the Police Precinct comedy drama. Tonight a private plane crashes with a cargo of cocaine
10.55 Film: The Passion of Remembrance (1986). The story of the Baptiste family who came to live in Britain from the West Indies in the 1950s. Directed by Maureen Blackwood and Isaac Julien
12.30am Diary 1972-82. This third of David Perlov's six-part film diary focuses on his work at Tel Aviv University. Ends at **1.30**.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 11.45-11.50 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Seal Seal 6.30-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.30-9.00 City Lights NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update 11.45 The Education Programme 12.15am Close ENGLAND: 6.30-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: It's All Happening 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival 10.35 Year of the Seal 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05-1.00am Donahue 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00 Pop Profile 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Bygones 1.20 News 1.30 Film: To Sir, With Love 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Crazy Like a Fox 11.30 Cover Story 12.00 Beyond the Limits 1.35am Twilight Zone 2.10 Sportsweek 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Nightbeat.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Film: Your Place ... Or Mine? 3.30-4.00 Hot Property 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Heart of the Country 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Film: Fantastic Voyage 1.25am Three's Company 1.55 Sportsweek 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Survival 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Follow a Star 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Wildabout 10.35 Head to Head 11.20 Film: Streetfighter 1.05am Golf 2.05 I Spy 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30 Film: Seven Thunders 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Flying Start 10.35 Fast Forward 10.45 State of the Region 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Film: Battle For The Planet Of The Apes 1.35am Twilight Zone 2.10 Sportsweek 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Dark Angel 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 West in Trust 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 1st Exposure 1.00am Sportsworld 2.00 Film: Don't Drink The Water 4.00 Great Little Trains of Wales 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-7.00pm Wales At Six 10.35-11.05 88 Report.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Film: William The Conqueror, Part 2 3.27-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Consumer File 10.35pm Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.30 Mary 12.00 Film: Battle For The Planet Of The Apes 1.35am Twilight Zone 2.10 Sportsweek 3.10 Pick of the Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film: Follow A Star 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.35 Head To Head 11.20 Film: Streetfighter 1.00am Golf 2.00 I Spy 3.10 Pick Of The Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Santa Barbara 1.20 News 1.30-3.30 Film: Guns Of Darkness 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 10.35 Coal Town 11.30 Heart of the City 12.00 Film: Battle For The Planet Of The Apes 1.35am Twilight Zone 2.10 Sportsweek 3.10 Pick Of The Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sons and Daughters 1.20 Newstime 1.30-3.30 Film: One Millions Years BC 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne 10.35 Ulster Hall Concerts 11.05 Falcon Crest 12.00 Film: Battle For The Planet Of The Apes 1.35am Twilight Zone 2.10 Sportsweek 3.10 Pick Of The Week 3.40 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30 Five Minutes 1.35 Film: Seven Nights in Japan 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Calendar Fashion 10.35 Calendar Documentary 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Film: The Brothers 1.45am Love, American Style 2.00 Transworld Sport 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Lluniau Dydd Llun 1.00 Make It Count 1.30 Write On 2.00 Cities of Islam 2.30 Brown Sugar 3.30 Space On Earth 4.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 4.30 Fifteen To One 5.00 Late Late Show 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 SuperTed 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dwy Ran O Dair 7.45 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.25 Golf 10.25 Media Show 11.25 Eleventh Hour 12.30am Diary 1.30 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 11.15am Disappearing World 12.10pm Film: Nadia 2.00 Racing From Leopardstown 4.00 Emmerdale Farm 4.30 Brideshead Revisited 5.30 Country Practice 6.00 Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Cartoon 6.30 Number One 7.00 A Taste of Ireland 7.30 Film: Inferno 9.00 News 9.15 Cagney & Lacey 10.10 Cleo Sings Sondheim 11.10 Radio 2 Dublin Millennium Marathon 11.40 News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 10.00am Bosco 10.30 Laurel and Hardy 11.40 Black Beauty 12.35pm Which Witch is Which 1.05 Smurfs 1.35 Baile Beag 1.45 Three Stooges 2.05 Quentin's Magic Party 2.20 Heidi 2.50 Happy Birthday 3.00 Puff the Magic Dragon 3.20 Catweazle 3.50 Bugs Bunny 4.20 Film: Herbie Rides Again 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home And Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Wolf Pack 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 American Football 9.00 Spittin' Image 9.45 Secret Of The Phantom Of The Opera 10.40 Film: The Mad Magician 12.00 News, Closedown.

Lander on the doorstep

TELEVISION CHOICE

Stephen Fry stars as an intrepid investigative journalist in the style of Roger Cook or the That's Life team (C4, 8.30pm)

● **This is David Lander** (C4, 8.30pm) must be television's most self-referential comedy series yet, an adaptation of the radio show *Delve Special*, which parodied those radio investigations conducted by Roger Cook on behalf of cheated consumers, which in turn were a foot-in-the-door on-site variations on what *That's Life* did on television. Providing one doesn't stop to ask if the genre is substantial enough to spoof in the first place, it just about holds. The humour is a combination of deadpan parody and whimsy in the manner of Victoria Wood, and Stephen Fry, as Lander, has something of Wood's awkwardness too: their s is essentially humour of apology. Lander's investigation of that ultimate middle-class nightmare — dodgy builders — is shot for accuracy: the familiar shaky camerawork, the pathetic catalogue of woes, the snooping and chasing, and awkwardly undramatic suburban doorstep confrontations. This returns one to the point that the originals were unintentional parodies in themselves. Some good jokes: one of the advantages of being placed on a credit blacklist, we're told, is that one stops receiving junk mail.

● Touted as an international documentary series with high production standards, **Cities Fit To Live In** (C4, 9.00pm) kicks off with Dublin, and dead dreary it would be too were it not for the two likeable women whose modest lives in the inner and outer-city are compared. Health and well-being are its ostensible themes, which is one way of saying that this is a programme largely about housekeeping.

Chris Petit

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Mark Goodier **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Chart Quiz **8.00** The Beeb's lost Beatles Tapes **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) **VHF** stereo
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz on Record **10.00** The Unfair Quiz **10.30** The Good Human Guide **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours 7.30 The Queen's Parliament 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Through the Looking Glass 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News 9.35 Sports Roundup 9.45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Crop Protection — Nature'S Way 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Tech Talk 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Back to Square One 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 The Queen's Parliament 2.00 Outlook, opening with World News 2.45 The Fallen Idol 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Crop Protection — Nature's Way 3.45 Classical Record Review 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Through The Looking Glass 4.30 Tech Talk 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English By Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Europe's World 9.30 Sports International 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 The Learning World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Megamix 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Europe's World 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Piano Concerto No 2 in D minor: Bavarian RSO under Charles Dutoit with Andras Schiff, piano); Schubert (Gretchen am Spinnrade: Janet Baker, mezzo-soprano, with Geoffrey Parsons, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Bantock (Comedy Overture to The Pierrot of the Minute: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman del Mar); Byrd (Fantasia in C: Simon Preston, organ); Vaughan Williams (Norfolk Rhapsody No 1 in E minor: LPO under Bryden Thomson); Boyce (Symphony No 7 in B flat: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Ronald Thomas); Elgar (Serenade in E minor: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under George Hurst)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Beethoven (1770-1827). Octet in E flat Op 103: Classical Winds; Piano Concerto No 2 in B flat: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Steven Lubin (Adlam fortepiano after Walter, 1795)
9.35 Reminiscence and Rapture: C F Pezel (Three Sonatinas: Fine Arts Brass Ensemble); Fauré (Poème d'un jour, Op 21; Three Songs, Op 85: Felicity Palmer, mezzo-soprano, and Roger Vignoles, piano); Janacek (On an Overgrown Path, Book Two); Schubert (Three Piano Pieces (D 946): Rudolf Firkusny, piano); Sibelius (Six German Songs op 50: Felicity Palmer and Roger Vignoles); Rachmaninov (Preludes: Peter Donohue, piano); Jouert (Chamber Music for Brass Quintet: Fine Arts Brass Ensemble); John Rutter (Gloria: Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, Cambridge Singers under the composer)
12.10 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Bernhard Klee conducts Wagner's Siegfried Idyll; and Hindemith's Violin Concerto. With Ulf Hoelscher (violin)
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, London. Joaquin Achucarro (piano) plays Schubert's Sonata in B (D 575); and Brahms's Rhapsody in G minor, Op 79 No 2; and Four pieces Op 119
2.00 Music Weekly: Brian Kay reports on directing a choral society in the Eighties: plus a conversation with soprano Sena Jurinac (r)
2.45 Chicago Symphony Orchestra: Georg Solti conducts Rochberg's Symphony No 5: and Bruckner's Symphony No 7 in E (r)
4.20 Havana International Guitar Festival 1988: First of three programmes from this recent event features Victoria de Los Angeles (soprano), Ichiro Suzuki, Joaquin Clerch and Wolfgang Lendle (guitars), Luis Bayard (flute), Fusion (guitar trio), Xangay (voice/guitar) with the Brindis de Salas Chamber Orchestra under Tomas Fortin, performing pieces by Roberto Gerhard, Emilio Pujol, Giuliani, Scarlatti, Manuel Valls, Jorge Strunz, and Catra de Franca
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection of music presented by Michael Berkeley
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Christopher Cook talks to Val Bourne, a director of Dance Umbrella, about dance in Britain
7.30 Brahms: Symphony No 4 in E minor: Saar Radio Symphony Orchestra
8.20 Chas Addams: (1912-88). In a rare interview, broadcast in 1978, the American cartoonist talks to Philip French about his macabre cartoons, the *Addams Family* television series and his life (r)
8.55 Kodaly: Duo for violin and cello Op 7: Richard Deakin (violin) and Emma Ferrand (cello) (r)
9.20 The English Brutus: John Carswell reflects on the life and reputation of Algernon Sidney, who fought Charles I, opposed Cromwell and conspired against Charles II
9.40 The Feast of All Saints: The Rev John Gaskell celebrates First Vespers according to the Use of Salisbury as celebrated in the early 16th century. Tallis Scholars directed by Peter Phillips and Pro Musica Sacra directed by Bruno Turner sing Taverner's Magnificat a 5, and Richard Davy's In honore summae matris
11.00 Composers of the Week: Bizet (1838-75). Nocturne in F; Le Docteur Miracle Quatuor de l'omelette: Trois esquisses musicales; and Symphony in C (r)
12.00 News. Ends at **12.05**

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather
8.35 The Week on 4: A look at the coming week's programmes with Eugene Fraser
8.42 Phil Smith with recordings from the BBC Sound Archives **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg whose guests are the British actor and writer Dirk Bogarde, comedian Stephen Fry, the illustrator Gerald Scarfe and actress Sylvia Syms (s)
10.00 News; Money Box with Louise Botting features the 1987-88 Unit Trust Investor of the Year Award (r)
10.30 Morning Story: Ezra Lee by Elizabeth McGregor. Read by Sam Dale
10.45 Daily Service from St Andrew's and St George's Church, Edinburgh (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way: Newscaster Michael Buerk visits the Dartmoor village of Drewsteignton where he discovers the folly of Castle Drogo (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Presented by Simon Rae and read by Stephen Thorne and Lin Sagovsky
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts a general musical knowledge quiz (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: With James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a discussion on fantasy fiction by two of the genre's leading authors, Louise Cooper and Janny Wurts; plus a seasonal look at the history of the apple; a report from Baltimore where the ashes of Dorothy Parker have finally been interred after 21 years on her solicitor's shelf; and a report on speech therapy — who should pay for it?
3.00 News; Murder by Degrees: Play by John Abineri about an old gentleman's retirement home. With Peter Copley, Hedley Goodall and Howard Goorney (r) (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Roger Hill explores contemporary ballads from singers such as Michelle Shocked and Leonard Cohen and compares the songs of the Eighties with those of previous decades (r)
5.00 PM: With Gordon Clough and Valerie Singleton **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News: presented by Brian Perkins; Financial Report
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took with Richard Ingrams, Alan Coren et al in a light-hearted and topical quiz game (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme presented by Derek Cooper reports on cider, Calvados and the Culinary Olympics (r)
7.45 Science Now: Alun Lewis reports on the latest developments in the world of science and medicine (r)
8.15 A Daring Venture: Play by Brian Thompson starring Michael Irving as a legendary anarchist hero of 19th-century Russia whose fellow activists make a desperate bid to free him from jail (s) (see Choice)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of Janet Hobhouse's book *The Bride Stripped Bare*; and report on Remould Theatre Company's new play about steelworkers, which opens in Scunthorpe; plus a feature on radio drama
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: No Surrender by Robert Harbison read by John Keyes (6 of 10) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Richard Kershaw
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Contact **11.15** Publications Review **11.20** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box **11.50** See For Yourself (s) **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Our Changing World: Issues, For and Against **12.30** Ignite for Power — Northern Ireland **12.50** Set Aside Lane — East Anglia.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **Greater London Radio:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Michael Irving as anarchic Peter Kropotkin (R4, 8.15pm)

● By interesting coincidence, two of tonight's programmes are about peaceful revolutionaries. They are Algernon Sidney, the British republican (17th century) and Prince Peter Kropotkin, the Russian anarchist (19th). Sidney is the subject of John Carswell's talk **The English Brutus** (Radio 3, 9.20pm). Though he fought Charles I, opposed Cromwell, conspired against Charles II, and branded William of Orange a dangerous autocrat, he advocated the sheathing of "the deadly blade in calm repose, for gentle peace" — a couplet later immortalised as the motto of the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Another link between Sidney and Kropotkin, hero of Brian Thompson's play **A Daring Venture** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) is their rejection of state tyranny. The imprisoned Kropotkin (Michael Irving, not making a meal of the prince's idealism), awaiting trial for anarchy, nourishes illusions of a society created by love. His guard (Fine-Time Fontayne, in great form), prefers to put his faith in gunpowder. Brian Thompson ingeniously yokes these disparate characters together in an escape story that displays a sense of humour as strong as its sense of a social upheaval in the making.

Peter Davalle

"LEGAL MUGGING" SENDS CITY REELING

BY DAWN RAID OUR CITY CORRESPONDENT

The financial market has been plunged into chaos following a vicious takeover battle.

Both Cadbury and Philips have been snatched from the helpless Morris Denton frivolous tycoon and furious MP (Vegetarian Diner Party).

At 3:30pm the attack started when Vanessa Winter-Jones (John Craven for President Party) made a hostile bid for Cadbury.

"Wake up Denton!" warned Timothy Gorb former teacher and now MP (Invite Red Ken to your Party). "If you want to survive you've got to stay one step ahead of these students of Thatcherism."

Denton's vulnerable position was a red flag to other bullish marketeers.

Pundits struggled in the stampede to prise Philips away from Denton.

"Why is everyone stripping my assets," he wailed while nervously consuming another stuffed tomato as is his habit.

"I warned you these people are after just one thing — success," informed Gorb the somewhat left of centre anarchist who now makes up the one Government opposition.

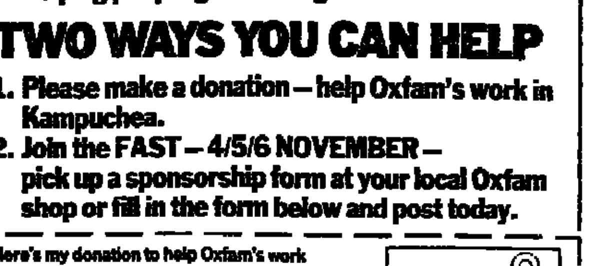
Insider dealers believe it was Denton's last plea to the Prime Minister that caused his final downfall. "I only want to see fair play and a fair share for all; not legal mugging."

This prompted PM Walter 'Bruiser' Golightly to joyfully raise Denton's taxes to an unprecedented level and successfully takeover Philips.

As Denton's SOS was heard above the uproar 'Bruiser' remarked "Crisis? What crisis? I've never had it so good."

Certainly the players find their business and political talents pushed to the limits. After all, the game Poleconomy is definitely not for the meek.

POLECONOMY*
THE GAME OF THE UNITED KINGDOM



KAMPUCHEA
GIVE HOPE TO A FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

- People's needs are STILL enormous — only one in a hundred Kampucheans has access to clean drinking water; one child in five dies before reaching the age of 5.
- Pol Pot's regime killed over a million Kampuchean people and left the country devastated. Yet his flag STILL flies at the UN!
- Western Governments STILL refuse to give vital development aid to Kampuchea.

MIKE GOLDWATER

- Oxfam is doing everything it can to help: repairing water systems, drilling wells and helping people grow enough food.

TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP
1. Please make a donation — help Oxfam's work in Kampuchea.
2. Join the FAST — 4/5/6 NOVEMBER — pick up a sponsorship form at your local Oxfam shop or fill in the form below and post today.

Here's my donation to help Oxfam's work in Kampuchea.
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IBA acts to end chaos over ban

By David Sapsted

The IBA, which banned a Channel 4 interview with a Sinn Fein councillor last night, has sent guidelines to all independent television companies to try to end confusion over the ban on broadcasts involving sympathizers of terrorist organizations. BBC chiefs have also sent a detailed memorandum to staff.

Programme-makers claim that the ban announced by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has been made more confusing by a Home Office letter to the BBC and IBA which appeared to permit interviews with Sinn Fein councillors on purely local or personal issues.

The IBA said yesterday that it had had detailed discussions on the ban and had decided to give guidelines to all independent television companies plus ITN and Independent Radio News.

"We do, however, still expect programme-makers to come to us when they are planning to include interviews with terrorist sympathizers so that we can ensure the spirit of the Home Office directions is upheld", the IBA said .

Last night's interview with Sinn Fein councillor Dodie McGuinness was seen but not heard, a reporter providing a voice-over of her comments. IBA lawyers ruled that while she could still be shown being interviewed under the Home Office rules, her words had to be spoken by someone else.

Before the IBA's intervention, Channel 4 management and company lawyers had approved the showing of the interview which centred on the problems Sinn Fein councillors faced getting local issues aired because of the ban.

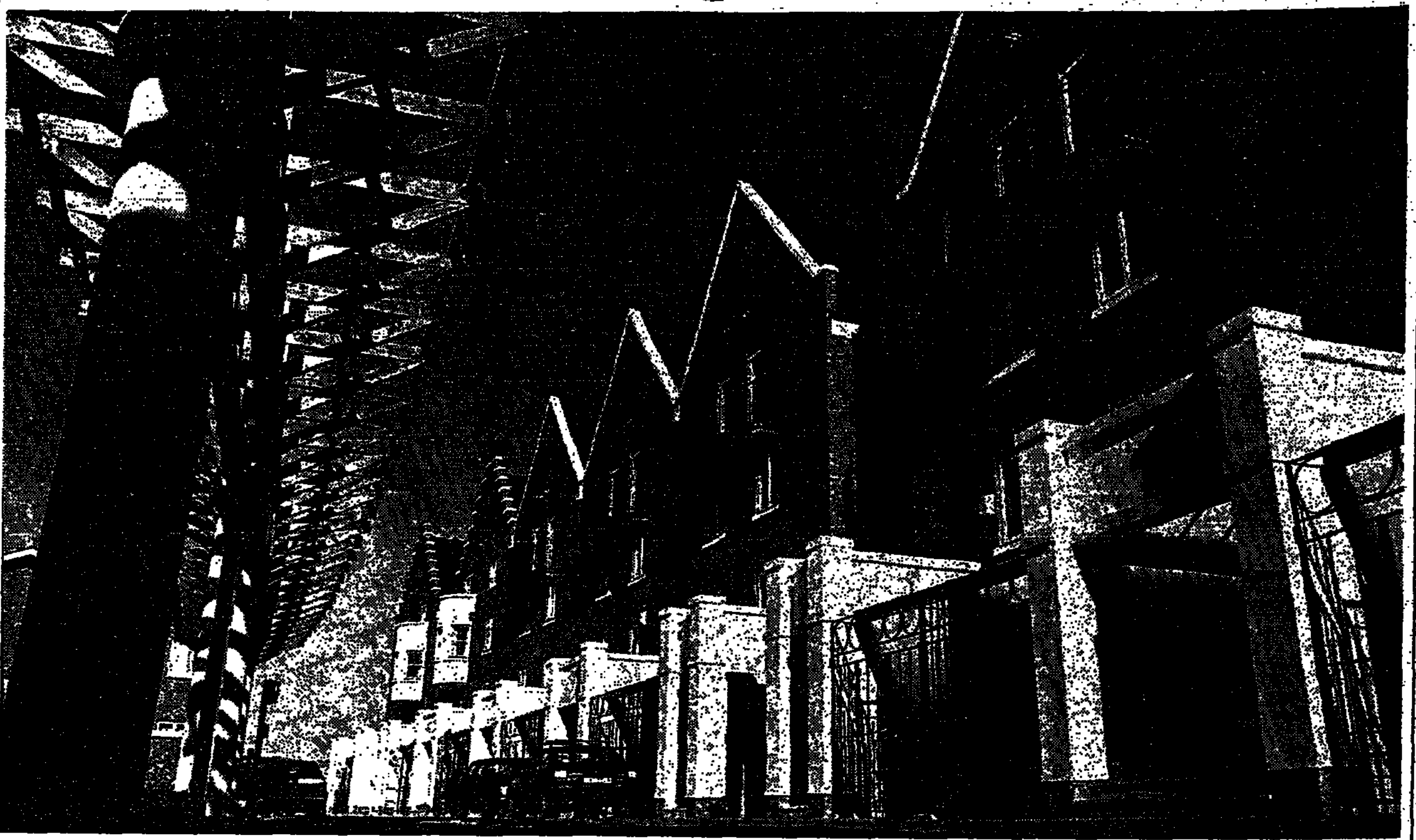
The decision followed receipt of an explanatory letter from the Home Office to both the IBA and BBC which said: "A member of an organization cannot be held to represent that organization in all his daily activities. Where he is speaking in a personal capacity or purely in his capacity as a member of an organization not falling under the notice e.g. an elected council, the notice will not apply."

Mr Andrew Lioman, assistant editor of the *Media Show*, said: "I think it has become absurd that broadcasters are left in confusion and even given conflicting legal advice".

Detailed instructions drawn up by the BBC illustrate many of the problems: Irish rebel songs, for instance, may be broadcast if they are part of a genuine performance by a band but not if they form part of a demonstration. The BBC also admits to worries over terrorist supporters airing their views on live programmes.

However, the Home Office said last night that the guidelines on the ban were perfectly clear."An interview with a member of Sinn Fein can go ahead if, for instance, he happens to collect butterflies or grows roses and the programme is about that subject."

Houses that earned the praise of Prince Charles



The Compass Point estate praised by the Prince and, right, the Ford family in their garden

Feeling of space and comfort amid the scrap metal yards

By David Cross

John and Lesley Ford are delighted they chose a five-bedroomed home overlooking the Thames in which to bring up their son Bobby, aged two.

But they were not expecting their estate of mellowed brick and white stucco, on the Isle of Dogs in east London, to be singled out for praise by the Prince of Wales during his documentary criticizing much of Britain's modern architecture on BBC television last week.

However, they fully share his enthusiasm — even if an oil refinery does occasionally belch white smoke across the river at the end of their garden.

"Being in London I don't expect to see cows and sheep from my bedroom window. The factories and the scrap metal yards come with the area. But when we looked around at other estates nearby all the houses seemed to be piled on top of each other", Mr Ford, aged 27, a computer consultant said.

He and his family moved into their £196,000 house at Mariners Mews on the Compass Point estate last March.

"Neither of us takes much interest in architecture but when we went around half a dozen new housing estates we knew immediately this was what we wanted", Mrs Ford, aged 29, said.

"The house is very spacious and it looks pretty impressive from the outside", she said, pointing to the four-storey row of terraced houses with their stepped Dutch-style roofs.

Prince for the past.......14

"The rooms in the other houses we saw were smaller and there was much less space around them."

The features which impressed the Prince as well the Fords were the wide well-lit streets and the feeling of spaciousness which has been created by not cramming too many dwellings on to a site.

"I have a 40-foot garden just like a normal suburban house and I can sit in it without being overlooked", Mr Brian Hay, aged 45, a police inspector, said. He moved into a four-bedroomed house on the estate last August. "Everything here looks clean and fresh."

Mr Ford said: "Obviously when we bought the house we wanted a good investment, but my main criterion was to get something which fitted the family and gave us lots of room. Our house feels as though it was designed principally for people and that was the point the Prince of Wales seemed to be making."

● Governments and local authorities and not architects were mainly to blame for many of the concrete monstrosities which disfigured the landscape, Mr Bill Rodgers, director general of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said yesterday.

The Prince's views are expected to be discussed in depth by the RIBA's ruling council when it meets in London on Wednesday.

50 arrested in Israeli election clampdown

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

A big clampdown on Palestinian activists in the occupied territories is under way to limit expected trouble during tomorrow's general election and the anniversary on Wednesday of Balfour Day, when Arabs traditionally demonstrate against Britain's 1917 support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland.

More than 50 activists have been arrested, including journalists, trade-union leaders and academics, and additional troops have been drafted into the territories to combat a likely wave of protests.

The arrests came after a general strike in the territories on Saturday and a series of clashes at the weekend led to a youth being shot dead yesterday at Beit Sahur, near Bethlehem. Many others were wounded.

A second Palestinian, wounded during a demonstration in Nablus on Saturday, died yesterday of his injuries, and a large part of the Gaza Strip was held under curfew.

The security clampdown came after the underground leadership of the 10½-month-old uprising, jointly with the Palestine Liberation Organization, issued a leaflet in Hebrew and English aimed at influencing Israeli voters.

It implicitly recognizes Israel's right to exist and calls for support for the left in its efforts to call a peace conference leading to direct negotiations for a settlement.

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Girl, 12, is queen of chess

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had arrived. When she left her seat between moves it was usually to huddle with Zsofia, giggling and glancing at Mr Kraidman — as though they had played a mildly malicious trick on an un-favourite uncle.

The frisson of unease comes from studying Judit at play. The pretty, slightly sulky face is usually shadowed by her twined fingers. Then she moves and directs a glare at her opponent.

It is too much to say it is a look of hate; but hostility certainly. And you remember her remark in fractured English: "I love always to *kaarush* those I play".

More worrying was the scatter of British under-8s led into the hall by studious-looking parents. For the issue is not what possible price in an impaired personality the Polgars may prove one day to have paid for their success, but the risk that others may submit other children to even greater efforts.

Too many other sports have produced demented mini-persons to feel comfortable with the Polgar experiment: childhood is about running and laughter. What shall it profit a man if he gain a super-specialized genius and lose a little girl?

Toll roads and airports, buses sale in transport privatization

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privately owned. We've done our bit by privatizing the British Airports Authority. I hope very much that local authorities will privatize their own airport companies."

He made clear that a big stick was being kept in waiting if they don't. He said: "If at the end of the day neither buses nor airports are privatized we will have to return to it".

On British Rail, Mr Channon said no decision had been taken on privatization and the Government had no mandate to do so in this parliament. "I am not going to privatize BR unless I am convinced a privatized BR can offer the traveller a better deal." He insisted that privatization and the subsidization of uneconomic lines were separate issues.

"Inevitably there will be a network of lines that don't pay their way. Privatization has a totally neutral effect on that. It is entirely a matter for the Government to decide.

"There is absolutely no reason why we shouldn't subsidize a railway or individual lines whether they are in private or public hands."

Mr Channon outlined his fervent opposition to road pricing, charging drivers for the use of congested inner-city roads. He said said it would be "nonsensical" to introduce the system throughout London because there were many areas where traffic did not move too badly.

Traffic would have to be provided with a way around the inner cordon, which would be difficult.

"It would be riddled with anomalies, it would be extremely unfair and you'd find very many hard cases", Mr Channon said.

On aircraft noise, he said he was "determined to improve the night noise climate" around Gatwick and Heathrow.

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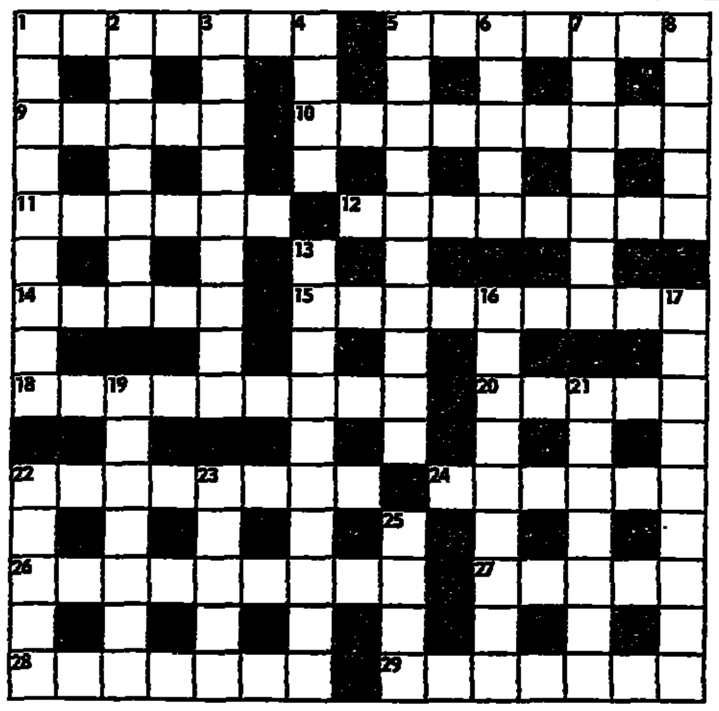

ACROSS

1 Pronounce upon medical treatment (7).
5 Go back and negotiate again (7).
9 Soldiers left in charge of object of veneration (5).
10 Arrive with fresh request for admission (4,5).
11 Army leader wearing decoration is quite usual (6).
12 Girl's hair causing trouble (8).
14 Irregular player adding to the score (5).
15 Drew attention to article pocketed by accused (9).
18 A driver going round in circles? (9).
20 Group riding organisation (3-2).
22 Food for West Country man? (4,4).
24 Lots following second test (6).
26 Contemplate quick movement order (4,5).
27 Old Americans domiciled in Spain — Castile perhaps (5).
28 Making plane before nightfall (7).
29 Doctor called back about joint, irritation having persisted (7).

DOWN

1 Most inexpensive hat priced in error (4-5).
2 It may be seen smoking after hostilities (7).
3 Ordered a charge on port facility (9).
4 Master card is a club (4).
5 Balances books without any profit (10).
6 Bill is part of a bird, that goes without saying (5).
7 English people in rented accommodation offering appropriate environment (7).
8 Patient finally objects to nurses (5).
13 Deceptive motorway bend ahead (10).
16 Arrest in case is not ordered (9).
17 Take up exercises inside, clad in blue (9).
19 Perhaps bowled over — certainly surpassed (7).
21 Current State support for Crown Unit (7).
22 One giving a ring to Eastern beauty(5).
23 Creature seen in Channel Islands eating cereal (5).
25 One expecting to broadcast, we hear (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SEPHEN
a. A heptacusped star
b. A sting-ray
c. A bantam past laying

FARD
a. A burden
b. White make-up
c. A borborygm

TWIBILL
a. A doubled-headed axe
b. The green toucan
c. To quibble over the bill

ENERGUMEN
a. A possessed demoniac
b. Distilled chicory gum
c. Ratio of energy to output

Answers on page 20, column 4

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No17,813 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

England and Wales will start cold and frosty with some early morning mist and fog. The day will then be fine, but rather cold. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudier with perhaps drizzle in the far north and west. South-east Scotland might expect the best of any brighter intervals by the end of the day. Outlook: Occasional rain in the far north-east. Otherwise little change.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	f	Luxor	27	81	s
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Madrid	15	59	f
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Majorca	25	77	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Malaga	23	73	s
Amst'dm	9	48	f	Malta	23	73	s
Bermuda*	25	77	r	N York*	16	61	c
Biarritz	21	70	s	Oslo	1	34	s
Borde'x	19	66	s	Paris	8	46	s
Brussels	7	45	f	Peking	13	55	s
Budapst	7	45	f	Perth	32	90	c
B Aires*	30	86	s	Prague	3	37	sn
Cairo	23	73	s	Reykjvik	6	43	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Rhodes	20	68	s
C'blanca	24	75	f	Rio de J	24	75	f
Chicago*	6	43	s	Riyadh	34	93	s
Ch'church	25	75	f	Rome	20	68	f
Cologne	7	45	f	Salzburg	6	43	c
C'phagn	4	39	c	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Corfu	20	68	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Dublin	9	48	s	S Paulo*	19	66	c
Dubrovnik	15	59	r	Seoul	13	55	s
Faro	22	72	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Florence	16	61	c	St'kholm	-1	30	s
Frankfurt	7	45	s	Strasb'rg	9	48	s
Funchal	22	72	f	Sydney	28	82	s
Geneva	10	50	c	Tangier	24	75	f
Gibraltar	23	73	s	Tel aviv	22	72	f
Helsinki	-3	27	s	Tenerife	25	77	f
Hong K	18	64	c	Tokyo	16	61	s
Innsbrck	7	45	c	Toronto*	6	43	c
Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Vanc'ver*	9	48	c
Karachi	33	93	s	Venice	11	52	c
L Palmas	24	75	f	Vienna	5	41	r
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Warsaw	3	37	f
Lisbon	17	63	f	Wash'ton*	19	66	c
Locarno	14	57	c	Wel'nton	16	61	c
L Angels*	17	63	c	Zurich	8	46	s

* denotes Saturday's figures

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.0	-	7	45	bright
Hunstanton	3.6	-	9	48	bright
Lowestoft	4.4	-	9	48	bright
Southend	5.0	-	11	52	sunny
Folkestone	8.1	-	10	50	sunny
Brighton	7.5	-	11	52	sunny
Littlehmptn	6.8	-	12	54	sunny
Southsea	7.1	-	12	54	sunny
Sandown	7.6	-	11	52	sunny
Bournemth	6.9	-	12	54	sunny
Swanage	7.3	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	3.2	-	12	54	bright
Torquay	2.3	-	12	54	bright
Penzance	3.0	-	13	55	bright
Scilly Isles	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Jersey	3.0	-	15	59	bright
Newquay	4.3	-	12	54	bright
B'pool Airpt	9.0	-	7	45	sunny
Douglas	7.4	-	8	46	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	7.0	-	10	50	sunny
Carlisle	6.1	-	8	46	sunny
London	8.0	-	11	52	sunny
Manchester	9.1	-	9	48	sunny
N'ctl-n-Tyne	7.0	-	8	46	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.5	-	9	48	sunny
Aberdeen	1.7	.01	5	41	bright
Edinburgh	3.9	-	7	45	bright
Eskdalemuir	6.1	-	6	43	sunny
Glasgow	8.0	-	9	48	sunny
Lerwick	0.9	.13	4	39	snow
Stornoway	0.2	.03	7	45	shower
Tiree	6.3	*	8	46	sunny
Wick	1.4	.05	5	41	shower
Belfast	3.5	-	8	46	bright

* Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.22	6.2	5.54	6.3
Aberdeen	5.22	3.5	5.22	3.6
Avonmouth	10.42	10.5	11.15	9.7
Belfast	2.54	3.0	3.12	3.4
Cardiff	10.27	9.8	11.00	9.1
Devonport	9.22	4.8	10.00	4.4
Dover	2.30	5.9	2.54	5.6
Falmouth	8.52	4.6	9.30	4.2
Glasgow	4.25	4.3	4.19	4.8
Harwich	3.17	3.5	3.49	3.5
Holyhead	2.05	4.6	2.20	4.7
Hull	10.19	6.0	10.21	6.1
Ilfracombe	9.35	7.5	10.09	7.0
Leith	6.40	4.8	7.06	4.8
Liverpool	2.48	7.9	3.04	7.9
Lowestoft	12.50	2.3	1.54	2.2
Margate	3.24	4.3	4.03	4.2
Milford Haven	9.57	5.7	10.30	5.3
Newquay	8.52	5.8	9.26	5.4
Oban	9.00	3.2	10.01	2.9
Penzance	8.31	4.8	9.12	4.4
Portland	10.05	1.8	10.49	1.5
Portsmouth	3.10	4.2	3.16	4.1
Shoreham	2.35	5.5	2.50	5.2
Southampton	2.42	3.9	2.54	3.7
Swansea	9.53	8.0	10.26	7.5
Tees	7.44	4.6	7.54	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	3.14	3.7	3.49	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.225	2.105
Austria Sch	23.80	21.60
Belgium Fr	68.90	65.40
Canada $	2.205	2.085
Denmark Kr	12.53	11.93
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.38
France Fr	11.12	10.52
Germany Dm	3.255	3.075
Greece Dr	273	253
Hong Kong $	14.29	13.54
Ireland Pt	1.223	1.163
Italy Lira	2435	2305
Japan Yen	237	221
Netherlands Gld	3.68	3.48
Norway Kr	12.14	11.54
Portugal Esc	270	258
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.29
Spain Pta	214.5	203.5
Sweden Kr	11.37	10.77
Switzerland Fr	2.75	2.59
USA $	1.852	1.757
Yugoslavia Dnr	6900	6400

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Retail Price Index: 106.4 (September)

London: The *FT* index closed up 6.3 at 1508.9 .

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 7.11 at 2147.94.

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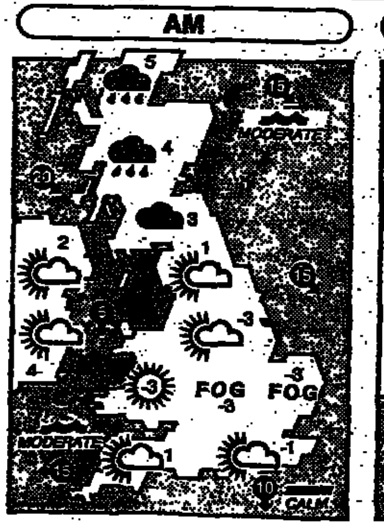

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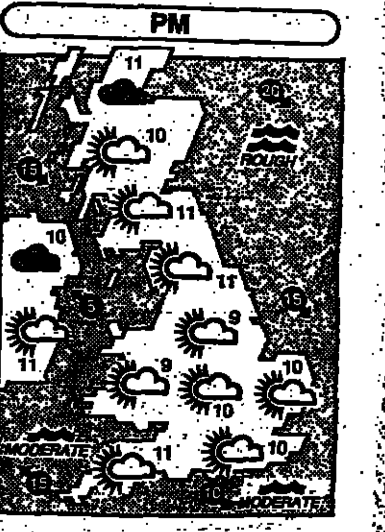

LONDON

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.0 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1032.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.05 pm to 6.24 am
Bristol 5.15 pm to 6.34 am
Edinburgh 5.04 pm to 6.50 am
Manchester 5.08 pm to 6.38 am
Penzance 5.30 pm to 6.42 am

Sun rises: 6.53 am
Sun sets: 4.35 pm
Moon sets 1.42 pm
Moon rises 9.37 pm
Last Quarter Tomorrow

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.6 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetlands, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.13 in; highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, and Manchester, 9.1 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	f	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'ngham	6	43	s	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	7	45	f	Jersey	11	52	s
Bristol	8	46	s	London	9	48	s
Cardiff	9	48	s	M'chster	6	43	s
Edinburgh	7	45	f	Newcastle	7	45	f
Glasgow	7	45	s	R'ldsway	9	48	s

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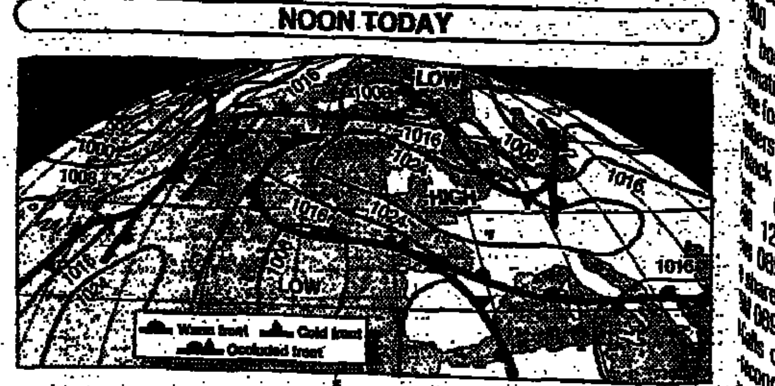

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CHANGE ON WEEK	
FT 30 Share 1508.9 (-0.4)	US dollar 1.7685 (+0.0065)
FT-SE 100 1858.4 (+8.3)	W German mark 3.1391 (+0.0045)
USM (Datastream) n/a	Trade-weighted 76.4 (same)

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State 'must act' to sustain ailing gilts

By Our City Staff

If the gilts market is to survive, two years after Big Bang, the authorities must take action to help morale and profitability, says a London stockbroker in its annual review of the sector.

A restructuring of the national debt is one way of stimulating activity. Another is to relax restrictions on market makers to enable them to deal in other fixed-interest instruments, says CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank in its circular, *The Second Year*, published today.

"It has been a dismal year. Turnover has been weak and low volatility has reduced trading," says the report, adding that dealing revenues have fallen by a third.

"It is difficult to find any happy participants. The market has become caught between superb technical factors and a poor economic background. Even investors can see few benefits from the low level of turnover and volatility."

The market is also depressed by the public sector surplus which is leading to a reduction in the national debt and the amount of gilts outstanding. "With the public sector looking to clock up a £10 billion surplus this year and the Government unable, or unwilling, to push it back into deficit, there is no immediate end to this process in sight."

Long-term institutional investors may have to rethink their liability matching policies. "Buying-in longs and high coupon stocks and replacing these with shorts might be one artificial way of maintaining activity," the broker suggests.

Chancellor to keep tax cuts option

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Autumn Statement by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, expected tomorrow, will forecast lower growth in the economy next year and another big trade deficit.

But the Government's decisions on public spending will keep the state sector declining as a proportion of the economy, keeping the door open for tax cuts in the spring. An important contribution to the declining trend is being made by the gradual reduction in debt interest caused by the rapidly expanding Budget surplus.

Mr Lawson is expected to announce that the public spending planning total has been increased, above the previously planned level of £167 billion, for the third year running. Among the beneficiaries will be the National Health Service, defence and the road programme. The freezing of child benefit will save money, but rising inflation has obliged the Government to put more money aside for the social security programme as a whole.

A reserve of £3.5 billion, about the same as in the current year, is expected to be built into the figures. The City will be watching the size of the overshoot carefully. Mr Stephen Hannah of County NatWest said: "Nobody expects them to stick to the original figures. But the market is definitely expecting an increase of less than £3 billion."

The Chancellor will also give an indication of the outturn for public spending and the budget surplus in the current year. Market estimates are for a minimum surplus of £10 billion.

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The outlook for the economy is one of slower growth, temporarily rising inflation and a persistently large trade deficit. Growth, which has been running at 4½-5 per cent on the output measure this year, could slow to about 3 per cent next year.

Inflation will rise to about 7 per cent before falling back by the final quarter of next year to 4-5 per cent. The current account deficit this year is likely to be £13-14 billion and will show little or no improvement next year.

The Chancellor will also announce the annual uprating in national insurance contributions.

- The latest forecast from the London Business School shows growth next year slowing from 4.7 per cent to 3.2 per cent, and average inflation rising from 4.2 per cent to 5 per cent.

Lower growth in real incomes as inflation rises, and some recovery in savings encouraged by higher rates of return, will cut growth in consumer spending from 5.1 per cent to 2.8 per cent. Higher mortgage rates will also sharply reduce investment in new housing, though business investment will stay buoyant.

Exports, however, should take up some of the slack. This will produce a modest improvement in the balance of payments account deficit from £12.5 billion to £11.5 billion, although the LBS expects the current account to be nearly £7 billion in deficit by 1992.

Unemployment will continue to fall next year but more slowly than of late, dropping next year from 2.4 million to 2.1 million and levelling off in the early 1990s at 1.8 million.

Tax cuts will be constrained by the need to hold back inflation, the LBS believes.

Persuasive power: Michael Peters (left) and John Nicholson, who joins his group tomorrow

Designer takes psychology test

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Design stands today where advertising stood 10 years ago. It is beginning to boom. So says Mr Michael Peters, founder of Michael Peters Group, the designer.

Communication by design is his new concept. In the market place product differentiation is evaporating. Design and service sell the goods, he says.

It means understanding the market, the business and people. Who better then to turn to for help than Dr John Nicholson, who is widely recognized in industry as a leading behavioural psychologist.

Tomorrow Michael Peters will officially acquire John Nicholson Associates, Dr Nicholson's own business, in a deal that, with the usual kind of earn-out arrangements, could eventually net him £3 million.

"Dr Nicholson will bring the behavioural concept to the design industry, in the first truly-creative move since McKinsey," says Mr Peters.

Dr Nicholson's first job as a behavioural consultant was in 1973 with Lord Rothschild's "Think Tank," set up by the Government of Mr Edward Heath. "I had to find some means of improving the quality of individual cabinet ministers' decision-making," he recalls.

"This involved persuading ministers and top civil servants to take brief, self-administered tests of cognitive efficiency."

He acted as consultant to the 1977 Royal Commission on gambling and to the Rothschild Report on the Social Science Research Council. But his first move into industry proper came with Jaguar in 1982, when he was asked to review company policy, devise a customer relations training programme, and to monitor all the psychological aspects of the Jaguar operation as the recovery programme progressed.

He has since assessed IBM's quality programme, and chaired the first Volvo conference on customer service. Last year, he devised *The Sunday Times* life plan project.

He helped Sir Ralph Halpern's Burton Group during the Debenhams takeover, and has advised many companies on their communication structures. He is currently consultant to 15 companies.

"We've heard a lot about productivity in recent years, but it's no longer about being productive, so much as being about being effective."

Climbdown by US on Japan rice

From Bailey Morris
Washington

Mr Clayton Yeutter, the US Trade representative, has rejected the demands of the domestic rice industry for a confrontation with Japan that would have sent a strongly protectionist message under the newly-enacted US Omnibus Trade Act.

But in taking the decision, Mr Yeutter also set the stage for a sharp confrontation with Europe in Canada in December at the next talks on the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tarriffs and Trade.

The rice decision had become an important test case of US intentions under its broad new trade act which was condemned by European officials as a sign of growing American protectionism.

In Japan the case has almost taken on the proportions of an international incident.

Mr Yeutter has been under strong political pressure from both presidential candidates to act against Japan on the rice issue. Although there are only 25,000 rice farmers in the US, they are concentrated in key states which could decide the presidential election.

"Had I granted this petition, Japan would have become an adversary for a long time to come, not only on agricultural issues but on others as well. Now I believe that Japan will emerge as an ally rather than an adversary," Mr Yeutter said.

He was referring to the talks on agricultural subsidies which is expected to result in a showdown between the US and Europe in Montreal.

Girobank may not be sold if bids fall short

By Rosemary Unsworth

Final bids for Girobank, the banking arm of the Post Office, are due at the Department of Trade and Industry today.

But there were fears this weekend that none of the candidates on the short list had offered the £150 million to £200 million which Britain's sixth-largest bank, with 2 million personal customers, was expected to raise. It is believed the Government, disappointed at the level of interest in the sale, is unwilling to sell Girobank at too low a price, which raises the question of whether the Post Office will retain it.

Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is due to announce details of the successful tender at the end of November. A DTI spokesman confirmed this yesterday and said no announcement of an extension for further bids was expected.

About five institutions are said to have prepared bids, amid great secrecy, in what was to have been the first move in the privatization of the Post Office. If the Girobank sale, handled by the merchant bank J Henry Schroder Wagg, is regarded as successful, there are plans for it to be followed by the sale of Post Office Counters, the retail transaction arm with which Girobank has a five-year rolling contract.

The problem with the proposed sale is that Girobank, which handles business such as the payment of social security benefits, does not own or control its distribution network.

The larger clearing banks were ruled out of the bidding because of competition policy. Others, such as the Bank of Scotland, the Royal Bank of Scotland and the TSB, also decided against bidding. Unity Trust was ruled out by the Post Office, possibly because of its trade union ownership. There was also a question mark over whether foreign banks would be allowed to tender.

Criticism has been levelled at the "skimpiness" of the information provided on Girobank, which institutions said was not detailed enough to provide the basis for a serious decision.

Skills call in booming chemicals

By Our Energy Correspondent

Britain's chemical industry is running at maximum capacity and many companies are planning large investment programmes designed to take advantage of the single European market in 1992.

The Chemical Industry Association, which represents the sector's companies in wage negotiations, talks on environmental controls, and on long-term economic planning, has found that its member companies have not curbed any investment plans because of current high interest rates.

Nearly all chemical companies are now debt-free and could finance new developments from cash reserves.

Their main concern, according to the CIA, is that there should now be a period of stability in interest rates, exchange rates and in energy pricing so that investment decisions can be made.

However, the CIA has also found that skill shortages and low capacity in the process plant industry could be more important factors in the delay of new investments.

It has launched a campaign to persuade more of the better qualified chemistry graduates to move into the industry. Many find that their analytical skills are applicable in the city and are being offered high salaries there. It also wants more graduates to move into chemistry teaching to maintain the supply of students for the sector.

New polices and a new structure for the CIA are expected to be adopted at the November annual meeting.

Elders woos S&N support with pledge to step up sales

By Our City Staff

Elders IXL, the Australian brewery group which has made a hostile £1.6 billion bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, is this week wooing prospective managers, tenants, staff and local MPs and drinkers in the North-east. It has promised to make Newcastle Breweries, home of Newcastle Brown Ale, its regional headquarters if the offer succeeds, while moving the centre of its worldwide empire to Edinburgh.

Mr Mike Foster, managing director of Courage, which is owned by Elders, is meeting trade union and local authority staff and speaking to local radio, television and newpapers in Newcastle. He will explain how Elders would develop [illegible] S&N's brands.

Elders believes Brown Ale should be more heavily exported and promoted. It also wants to extend S&N's lager sales, which account for 30 per cent of its business, against the industry average of 50 per cent, and improve the local pubs.

"We want to expand the under-capacity while keeping the beers' local heritage — after all it is common sense to give local drinkers what they want," said Mr Foster.

S&N, which is today launching McEwan's LA, a low alcohol product, and McEwan's Makler, a premium brand, is preparing its defence document, likely to be published next Monday. The Scottish brewer is not rushing to publish in the hope that the bid will have been referred to the Monopolies Commission.

Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, is expected to receive a recommendation from the OFT by November 15. Elders now has a near 14 per cent stake in S&N.

Woolf group set for USM

By Martin Waller

Mr Emile Woolf, one of the best-known names in accountancy teaching, is bringing his EW Fact Group (EWF), to the USM next month.

EWF, which provides accountancy and banking tuition as well as producing standard texts, will be worth between £4 million and £5 million once it reaches the market, probably in the third week of November, with an unusually large 40 per cent of the company in public hands.

Woolf: accountancy tuition

Mr Woolf, who qualified as a chartered accountant in 1962, formed the company of which he is chairman in 1975. He says: "Teaching was always something that I wanted to concentrate on. My parents, on the other hand, suggested something more secure, like accountancy. I ended up with a reasonable compromise."

EWF has two offices in central London, concentrating on certified and management accountancy rather than the chartered side of the profession. It draws half its students from abroad, many of them from Malaysia and Singapore. A growing side of the business is evening and weekend courses for British students in the main, often sponsored by their employers.

Schaverien & Co, the broker, is placing the flotation, with half the funds raised going to existing shareholders, primarily Mr Woolf and his managing directors, Mr Suresh Tanna and Mr Karam Singh. The rest will be reinvested in EWF, which has £900,000 in the bank.

A priority is to expand by acquiring another central London location. Further moves will be into related educational areas, such as computing or A-level and GCSE courses, by means of acquisition.

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North Sea report released on eve of Opec crisis meetings

Oil fields 'larger than expected'

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

A report which shows that Britain is sitting on larger reserves of North Sea oil than was previously thought has been issued on the eve of a series of meetings planned by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to curb world oil output.

Britain has always refused to trim North Sea output — Norway has agreed to slow down the pace of its North Sea oil development to help Opec — and the latest report comes as the oil cartel faces a deepening crisis.

The report, by County NatWest WoodMac, the Edinburgh-based oil analyst, shows that there are likely to be 560 million more barrels of oil in the North Sea than was estimated as recently as last March, and that by 1993 the existing North Sea oilfields will be producing 170,000 barrels a day more than had been anticipated.

The figures suggest that in the mid 1990s Britain could still be producing more than 2 million barrels of oil a day, a figure which only Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq of the 13 Opec nations are likely to exceed.

In the run-up to its ministerial meeting in Vienna on November 21, Opec is working to persuade several non-member oil producing states to slow down their output.

The idea is that world supply and demand can be brought back into line so that Opec can increase prices to its target range of $18 (£10) a barrel.

Mr Gareth Lewis-Davies, an analyst at WoodMac, said: "In the longer term, as non-Opec production inevitably declines and the cartel regains the upper hand, oil prices could rise significantly in real terms. In the short term the UK oil fields appear to be in good shape to withstand any renewed price war.

"For those who believe that a significant cut in non-Opec production will be required before a substantial increase in the oil price occurs, it is clear that in the absence of Government action the UK's oil [illegible] fully [illegible]."

The WoodMac report says that due to the recent action — or inaction — by Opec, oil prices have declined from the 1987 benchmark price of $18 a barrel to $12-$13 a barrel. "With the fundamental problems within Opec of over-production, the inability to agree or abide by production quotas and the reluctance of the Saudis to resume their traditional role of swing producer, the immediate outlook for oil prices is uncertain at best.

"For companies with UK oil fields this price weakness is compounded by the dollar-pound exchange rate. The present Brent price of just over £7 a barrel is only £2 or so above the low point seen in mid-1986.

"In the run-up to November's meeting it is significant that the trend of a reduction in the marginal cost of production is continuing. Savings in operation costs have undoubtedly been effective in maintaining the profitability of the UK's oilfields and boosting the recoverable reserve base.

"Furthermore, recent revisions of [illegible] and production have included [illegible] more upgradings than [illegible] helping to slow the inevitable increase in UK oil production costs."

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Golden promise as ICI turns to asset stripping

Henderson: ICI shows confidence under his chairmanship

ICI is not known for its skills as an asset stripper, but its handling of the acquisition and the divestment of part of Stauffer, the US chemicals group, demonstrates an ability equal to hardened practitioners of the art.

The opportunity to buy Stauffer's agrochemical division was too good to miss. But it was not for sale on its own and came flanked by a heavy chemicals operation and a speciality chemicals business.

It says something for ICI's growing confidence, under the chairmanship of Denys Henderson, that it felt able to take on all of Stauffer only to sell two-thirds of it.

Previous American acquisitions, Beatrice, the speciality chemicals business, and Glidden Paints, got ICI in training.

Whether it was luck or judgement, the strategy got off to a good start with the prompt sale of two large chunks of Stauffer before the stock market crashed in October 1987.

So, having paid a gross price of $1.93 billion for Stauffer, including associated debt, the disposals to Akzo and Rhone-Poulenc for $625 million (£355 million) and $522 million respectively took the price of the agrochemical division down to less than $800 million. The sale of smaller businesses brought the price down another $100 million.

For ICI the acquisition of the Stauffer agrochemical division was essential if it was to become a worthwhile player in the American market. Before it was excluded from the top 10 companies, afterwards it was number three. Had the business been for sale on its own, ICI could have justified paying $900 million for it.

Selling the unwanted businesses in large units prevented ICI from squeezing out the last drops. But speed was important as the City had not reacted kindly to the Stauffer acquisition, asserting the price was too high.

On a net price of less than $700 million and Stauffer's historic earnings, the exit p/e is 15 times earnings. But rationalization and synergy benefits will have brought $100 million of cost savings.

On Stauffer's current earnings, the exit p/e falls to nearer 10 times — about half the going rate for agrochemical businesses.

All of this has been achieved against a background of poor demand for agrochemical products.

The profit uplift from ICI's enlarged agrochemicals division will be significant this year with profits up from £53 million to about £140 million. On an annualized basis, as Stauffer was only partly-owned last year, this represents a near doubling of profits. Two-thirds of the annualized advance is due to rationalization benefits, the rest from natural growth.

Just think what the profit potential will be when the market becomes firmer.

Dawson

As the nights draw in and the temperature falls, wise investors should have a quality pullover ready for their shoulders and a handful of Dawson International shares tucked in their pockets.

Given the market's current widespread attention to famous brand names, Scottish-based textile group Dawson is once again a talking point. The Scottish corporate scene has also suddenly woken up after Elders' bid for Scottish & Newcastle.

On fundamentals and the profit front, Dawson hardly looks exciting and the group remains hostage to a number of adverse conditions in its sector of the textile market.

In the year ended March, pre-tax profits advanced from £46.7 million to only £47 million and, although analysts had forecast £50 million for full profits, there are now second thoughts and £48 million is expected — at best. Next month's interim report on the half year to September will give a better guide.

Meanwhile, knitwear continues to battle with tailored garments for consumers' pounds, and Chinese cashmere supply and quality problems have not been entirely resolved. Higher raw materials prices will also have an impact on margins.

In the United States, Dawson should be over last year's integration problems by now — having put together the thermal sportswear and underwear business of Duolfold. This week's announcement of a modest £2 million expansion to meet continuing sales growth for its Morgan and Duofold brands in the US is also encouraging. However, adverse currency movements could trim back the expected 15 per cent organic US growth.

One loss maker has been sold — the West German hand-knitting subsidiary, KSW, went on Friday , although there will be an extraordinary £6.9 million charge for that in the year-end accounts.

However, if the poor news is on the trading front, the good news is still that Dawson has a fine collection of brand names and one day the group must wander into someone's take-over sights.

Dawson was left at the altar (and is now suing) by the old Coats Patons group in 1986 but, in the longer term, it is unlikely to remain on the shelf.

The giant French textile group, DMC, has reportedly picked up at least 3 per cent of Dawson's shares and, ahead of 1992, famous British brand names are rapidly finding Continental partners.

At 219p, on a prospective ratio of 10.4, the shares have attractions for those expecting a harsh winter and/or a spring take-over.

British Syphon

There is a dearly held tenet that a Stock Exchange listing, like marriage, is for life — until death do you part.

Investors should thus be sad that, after Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure and Mr Richard Branson's Virgin, another company wants to go private.

British Syphon Industries, which has a profits record of which it can be proud, has received a proposal from its executive team for a cash buyout at around 155p a share.

In view of BSI's record, and where it could yet go on the profits road, that 155p price is likely to prove just a sighting shot. If management seriously wants BSI, then a higher price may well have to be proffered.

In the past five years, BSI's price has come up from 42p to the peak of 192p seen this July. Friday's was 153p. Last reported net worth was 83.7p a share. Market estimates of current net worth are at least double, and possibly over the 200p-a-share mark.

Since 1983, profits have marched from £412,000 to £4.28 million. Last year's earnings were 10p a share, giving an historic exit p/e of 15.5 on the proposed buy-out price. Current year earnings could be 14.2p a share, giving an exit p/e of 10.9. Net earnings of 18p are likely in 1989 for an exit p/e of 8.6.

The pre-tax return on last year's £136.2 million turnover was a thin 3.1 per cent. The executive buyout team, holding 8 per cent of BSI capital, believes it can best achieve its aims for making BSI sing by making investments, and assuming the risks, as a private concern rather than as one with public shareholders looking over its shoulder.

BSI shareholders should hold on for a better price. As the marriage service also says: "In sickness and in health."

US NOTEBOOK

Investors move back to bonds from cash

By Maxwell Newton
New York

There are some early signs of a change in mood by institutional investors, who are beginning to find going longer and into some stocks a better idea than cash.

They have been in cash (up to one year) for so long, many bond traders cannot remember what an institutional bond buyer would look like.

Two events jolted them out of their habitual recent inactivity.

First, there were the third-quarter real GNP figures which came in at 2.2 per cent a year, GNP growth, with nil growth — in housing, non-residential construction, inventories and government spending; and almost nil growth in exports. These numbers raised the possibility that short-term rates would soon fall, due to an evaporation of commercial credit demand. If that happens, our institutional investors would get some money over to the longer side, to maintain the yield they have been delivering.

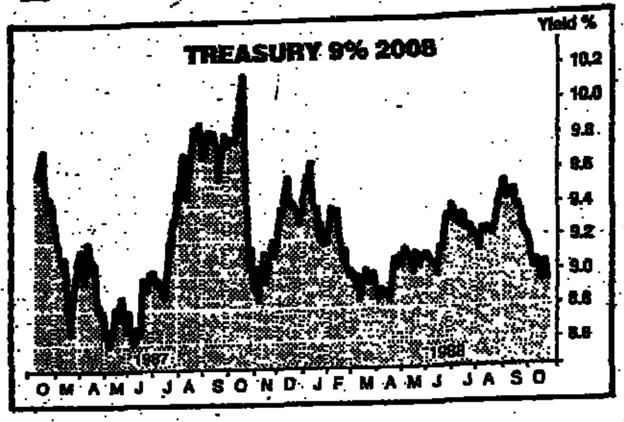
Second there was First Boston's decision to withdraw a $1.15 billion (£0.65 billion) debt offering for Campeau, as part of the refinancing of the recent purchase of Federated Department Stores. This led to a sharp sell-off of takeover and LBO stocks, as well as to a big drop in the value of many outstanding issues of corporate debt, especially high yield debt.

Thus on Friday as some stocks recovered, the gold price rose on rumours of a Syrian invasion of Lebanon, oil rose to 90¾ points on the December T-Bond contract, getting close to the year's high of 92. This strength in bonds upset many professional bond investors who thought they would had time to get good yields out of certain bonds before the "true" rally began.

There was another factor at work last week making "quality" of debt a little more equal to "yields on debt" as a leading consideration. An extraordinary aspect of the long expansion since the fourth quarter of 1982 is that it has been accompanied by a rising tide of personal bankruptcies — almost a half a million in 1987.

GILT-EDGED

Heading for Lawson's nearby promised land



Monetary base growth is slowing, the housing market is cooling and the British consumer is becoming more cautious. True to its forward-looking spirit, the gilt market is seeing through the peak in inflation and pay awards yet to come, and is looking for signposts — however tentative and preliminary — towards Mr Lawson's "promised land," scheduled for some time next year and perhaps not until 1990 as far as the laggardly current account is concerned.

The bull market, which established itself in the second half of September, has been aided and abetted by the stock shortage — effected by net purchases, or "buying-in," by the Bank of England, but ultimately caused by Britain's impressive fiscal surplus. Together with the shortage of equity stock — a result of the deluge in cash bids — the financial institutions are faced with a scarcity of traditional homes for their liquidity, which has generated a dip in real yields and has gone alongside the market's sanguine expectations about longer-term inflation trends.

The long-dated sector has therefore seen yields fall sharply over the past month; from 9½ per cent to 9 per cent on the 9 per cent Treasury 2008 market stock. The question now is whether the bull trend is exhausted — having compressed itself into a relatively short space of time — with a long, tedious period ahead as the Autumn Statement and economic data emerge simply to confirm the market's expectation of; (a) a bumpy ride ahead, followed by (b) a soft landing in 1989-90.

But the market is hungry for action. So the next question is: well, if the longs are falling asleep for a while, does it make sense to switch shorter ? On the face of it, an attractive option. In the near term the switch offers a decent yield pick-up and, for the longer term, the investor is well positioned for capital gain as the monetary squeeze unwinds and the economic pump-priming, in preparation for the 1991 election, emerges. Is the "smart" play then to discard the expensive longs and anticipate a flattening, and possible reversal, of the inverse yield curve ?

In brief, the answer is no. For reasons which relate partly to economics, partly to risk and partly to institutional factors. Taking the economics first, it is clear that the authorities have no appetite for cuts in base rates and would have little hesitation in raising them if sustained downward pressure on sterling emerged or if news on inflation, particularly on pay, turned out worse than expected. So, bringing into play the related question of risk, the balance of probabilities is that any significant near-term movement in the inverse yield curve will be a steepening rather than a flattening.

For example, switching from 20-year to 10-year stocks will give a yield pick-up of 75 basis points. But it would only take a relatively small squeeze in the longs to wipe out the yield gain made by moving shorter.

Moreover, it is not as if the shorts are in tune with the authorities' current monetary line. There is no way that base rates can sensibly be cut until the inflation peak has passed and the wage round is established at an "acceptable" going rate. In practice, this means 12 per cent until the Budget at the earliest. Yet one- to two-year shorts are giving far less than money market deposits and balance-of-term calculations suggest that this area of the curve is showing a rash degree of optimism about the scope for monetary easing over the next six months.

Institutional factors also argue against any early switch to shorter-dated stock. There can now be little doubt that Britain faces a period of substantial public debt retirement over the next few years. The classical theme of fiscal policy as "debt-burden-reducer" was sampled at the Conservative Party conference. Shedding the weight of debt interest from the shoulders of future generations. Economics for the family. They liked it.

The Chancellor's Mansion House speech, has confirmed the policy of a full "unfund" which effectively means that the gilt market will have shrunk by at least £30 billion by the time of the next election. Until other issues of long-dated stock emerge and investors (or their regulatory bodies) are persuaded to accept such paper as a liquid, viable alternative then the keenly felt shortage of 15-year-plus sterling bonds is likely to remain a powerful force for lower yields.

As one moves shorter along the curve the relevance of the stock shortage argument diminishes.

The switch to short gilts will eventually make good investment sense. But the time is not yet ripe with cash and long-dated stock still offering better prospects in today's environment of tight money, risky sterling and heavy debt repayment.

Stephen Hannah
UK Economist
County NatWest

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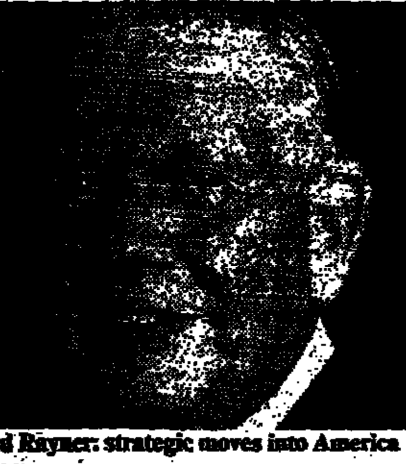
Stormgard likely to return to black with interim £200,000


Lord Rayner: strategic moves into America

Sir Stanley Grinstead: focus of bid talk

TODAY

Stormgard, originally the vehicle of Mrs Jennifer d'Abo which has gone through some troubled times recently, starts a quiet week on the results front with figures for the half-year to September 30.

These should show some improvement on the terrible performance in 1987-88. Mr Lloyd Kingsley, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell Securities, the company's broker, is looking for pre-tax profits of £200,000 — against a loss of £690,000 last time — and he also expects exceptional profits from property disposals.

Morgan Grenfell is forecasting £1.92 million for the full year. In 1987-88, Stormgard lost £1.5 million. The majority of earnings are now coming from the printing and stationery division, which made just £28,000 in the last financial year and which the company is anxious to build up by acquisition.

Interims: Anglo American Coal Corp, Bertam Holdings, Eastern Produce (Holdings), Hunting Group, Kleinwort, Benson Gilt Fund, Rowe Evans Investments, Stormgard, The Thomson Organisation, Tilling (Thomas), TR Industrial & General Trust, Vivat Holdings.
Finals: None announced.

TOMORROW

William Low & Company, the Scottish food retail chain, has long been a bid contender, although speculation hotted up last year when Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, took a 5 per cent stake.

So interest is more likely to focus on the board's contacts with Sir Ron than on trading fundamentals when the company reports full-year figures to September 1.

Low will have had the benefit of February's £32 million convertible preference share issue for a full six months and this should boost profits by £1.5 million.

It is beginning to reap the benefits of its investment programme, which has seen it expand into northern England.

Mr Andrew Fowler, a stores analyst at Charterhouse Tilney, is looking for £11 million pre-tax for the full year — up from £8.12 million last time. County NatWest, the company's own broker, is going for £10.5 million.

Interims: BDA Holdings, German Smaller Companies Investment Trust, Prowting, Rechem Environmental Services, Select Appointments.
Finals: Caldwell Investments, Drayton Consolidated Trust, Global Group, Low (William).

WEDNESDAY

Marks and Spencer, where Lord Rayner is chairman, will unveil half-year figures for the period to end-September. This contained its important strategic moves into the US, first with the $750 million (£425 million) purchase of Brooks Brothers and then with the $108 million acquisition of Kings Super Markets. The two companies will be included from May and August respectively.

The heavy financing costs of the two, which are not expected to make any positive contribution to M&S profits until the next financial year, will depress earnings in the first half.

The County NatWest Wood Mackenzie retail team is towards the bottom of City forecasts in suggesting £185 million pre-tax, with other houses on £10 million more. This would compare with £171.7 million last time.

The underlying retail performance in Britain is likely to be good, with CNW WoodMac looking for 11 per cent growth in profits. In this country the clothes side is likely to show an improvement — against the trend in the rest of the fashion industry — because of the poor showing M&S made last time.

The broker is looking for £544 million for the year as a whole — again at the bottom end of estimates which range up to more than £560 million — compared with £501.7 million last time.

Reed International, the publishing group chaired by Sir Stanley Grinstead, has seldom been out of the news this summer. The sale of its packaging division to the management brought in more than £600 million and the group has since been the focus of takeover talk.

Forecasts for the six months to end-September cover a wide range, from £110 million to £125 million. Miss Angela Bawtree, an analyst at Warburg Securities, is going for £115 million, up from £109.7 million last time.

Reedpack Ltd will contribute for four months. On the publishing side, regional newspapers should reflect the benefit of continued growth in advertising revenue. The consumer magazines side will suffer the launch and closure costs of *Riva*, although these are unlikely to exceed £5 million and the continuing losses at two other new ventures, *Marie Claire* and *Essentials*.

Reed is expected to have about £650 million net cash in the bank at the half-year end.

Interims: Anglo Leasing, Gieves Group, Marks and Spencer, Reed International.
Finals: Church (Charles) Developments, Fenner (JH) (Holdings), Keystone Investment, Pegasus Group, UDO Holdings.

THURSDAY

Interims: British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate, Burtonwood Brewery, PLM, RIT Capital Partners, Rothschilds (J) Holdings, Southwest Resources, Westbury.
Finals: DAKS Simpson Group, Smart (J) (Contractors).

FRIDAY

Interims: Renold.
Finals: Bailey (CH).

Martin Waller

ECONOMIC VIEW

Spring tax cuts depend on autumn spending

This year's public spending survey, though scarcely a triumph of fiscal restraint, seems to have ended reasonably satisfactorily for John Major, the Chief Secretary, and his Treasury colleagues. When the Chancellor presents his Autumn Statement to Parliament tomorrow, he will probably tell MPs that the excess over the previous plans has been kept to less than £3 billion.

Given the usual collection of post-dated cheques which were presented soon after the survey began, the "realistic" local authority settlement in July and the rise in inflation, there was no way Mr Major could hope to stick to the original plans. To overshoot the target three years in succession is far from ideal, even if the Government has managed to achieve a progressive reduction in the overshoot. It starts to raise the question of whether it is still worth planning in cash for more than the year immediately ahead. But the much faster-than-expected growth in the economy (this year nearly double what was expected a year ago on some measures) means that public expenditure will continue to fall as a proportion of national income.

Whether the public spending outcome will leave Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, scope for cutting taxes again in the Budget depends on what happens to the economy during the next few months. If by February there are clear signs that high street spending has slowed down and borrowing is on the wane then he may be able to settle for a Budget surplus no higher than this year's result. Given the continuing buoyancy of revenue, a £2 billion to £3 billion increase in public spending should still leave scope for tax cuts.

If, however, the economy is still roaring ahead, it will be prudent to plan for a bigger Budget surplus than this year's. Fiscal policy has to be consistent with a sustainable rate of growth in the economy, not simply with a target level of debt repayment. In those circumstances the rise in public spending could squeeze the potential for tax cuts drastically.

How far and how fast the economy will react to the rise in interest rates is still highly uncertain. The latest Treasury forecast, which will form part of the Autumn Statement, will be eagerly scanned for the Government's carefully filtered view of the future. Today the London Business School produces its own latest essay on the country's immediate prospects which makes a useful appetizer for the official fare.

In the LBS view of the world interest rates have always been a powerful weapon. This year has seen the proportion of income saved fall to a 30-year low, but higher interest rates will make saving more attractive and borrowing more painful. Next year the savings ratio should be at least ½ per cent higher at 5 per cent in the LBS view.

At the same time incomes will be rising more slowly. Earnings will go on growing just as fast in nominal terms but inflation will be higher and employment will probably increase more slowly. LBS therefore expects real personal disposable income to grow 1 per cent slower next year at 3.2 per cent. With slower growing incomes and more being saved, the increase in consumer spending comes down from 5.1 to 2.8 per cent.

In contrast to consumer demand, business investment will continue to grow extremely fast, which is good news for continued improvement in productivity. But house-building will slow down sharply with the rise in the mortgage rate leaving total private sector fixed investment growing only a quarter as fast as this year.

Lower domestic demand will allow the cost improvements achieved by rapidly rising productivity to show through. Producer price increases should fall back from 5 to 4 per cent and any cut in the mortgage rate will magnify this at the retail price level. According to the LBS, the Chancellor will achieve his downturn in inflation next year but will still have consumer prices rising at 5 per cent through the year as a whole.

The biggest uncertainties surround the balance of payments. Traditionally forecasters have estimated imports by relating them simply to the level of domestic demand. For every 1 per cent increase in demand, imports are assumed to grow by 1½-2 per cent. The LBS takes another approach, first estimating supply in the economy and then assuming imports fill the gap between supply and demand. As the domestic market cools, manufacturers will not necessarily reduce output but will switch more of it overseas. If this view of the world is correct the outlook is considerably more optimistic.

In its *August Review*, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, for instance, forecasts a rise in the current account deficit next year from £11.2 billion to £13.4 billion. The LBS, however, predicts a gradual fall over the next few years.

Exactly where this leads in terms of economic growth depends heavily on where we are now, which is by no means clear. Measured by output, GDP rose between the first half of last year and the first half of this by 6 per cent. Measured by expenditure, it rose only 2.3 per cent. Assuming this discrepancy increases no further, output growth may slow from 4.7 per cent this year to 3.2 per cent next. That may not have the yuppies rushing to buy Jaguars but it is more likely to be sustainable.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Exchange blocks HK cash call

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

The revamped Stock Exchange governing council has blocked a HK$298 million (£22 million) rights issue by Mr Thomas Lau and his brother Joseph, corporate raiders in the colony.

The Laus announced the cash call for their Paul Y property and construction company, saying they wanted the money to buy four Hong Kong properties.

But the exchange's listing committee has told them the new shares will not be allowed a listing, effectively blocking the issue.

The exchange is unhappy that the Laus cannot account for how all the proceeds will be used. The four buildings named totalled HK$272.8 million, leaving a shortfall. The Laus also failed to name the sellers.

Issue details were also leaked to a Chinese newspaper before being released to the exchange.

The exchange issued a public reprimand to BT Asia, the Laus' broker, over three deals involving Paul Y. It has caused some confusion by refusing to explain its reasons.

Instead, it has repeated its general guideline that rights issues proposals should be accompanied with justified reasons for and intended use *of the proceeds*.

New British Gas rules 'should not hit profits'

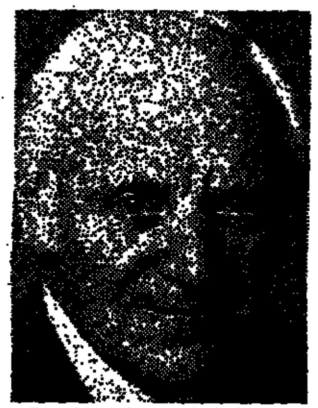
By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The new rules under which British Gas will be forced to operate its industrial pricing policies and its future contracts to buy gas from the North Sea should have little effect on its profitability and still leave it lighty regulated, according to the man who will enforce the new rules.

Mr James McKinnon, the director general of the Office of Gas Supply, will commence discussions soon with British Gas on the new rules following the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report which described British Gas as practising extensive discrimination against industrial customers.

He will make it plain that he will have little sympathy with British Gas complaints that new regulations will interfere with its operations.

Mr McKinnon takes the view that British Gas was given a "light rein" form of regulation when it was privatized, but failed to show that it could operate fairly in a free competitive market in which it enjoyed considerable monopoly powers. He dismisses also suggestions by British Gas that the new rules under which it will have to offer industrial consumers gas at a published series of tariffs could cost it as much as £290 million in lost profits.


Hard line: James McKinnon

He said: "It is up to British Gas to decide on what categories it will draw up for supplying industrial users and that gives it scope to balance its income in a way which also meets the demands of its customers.

"I cannot see how it can claim that it can make such losses, but it is not up to me to solve British Gas's problems. 'It is very difficult to see how it can claim to face such a loss. If I was a shareholder and it did make such a loss I would think the board would have to be replaced."

Mr McKinnon feels that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has recommended changes in the regulations because British Gas failed to introduced pricing policies as envisaged by the Government when it was privatized. He said: "In a free democracy if you break the rules you either go to jail, are fined or have new rules imposed.

"British Gas must accept that it has had new rules imposed, but these rules are not restrictive.

"It could have had price controls imposed, but it didn't. It could have had profit controls imposed, but it didn't. It could have been forced to break up the business, but it wasn't."

Mr McKinnon shares the Department of Energy view that the new rules, particularly the requirement for British Gas to keep its purchases from any individual natural gas field to a maximum of 90 per cent of its output will eventually lead to new competition in the industry.

"British Gas is quite rightly secretive about the extent of its gas network for sound security reasons, but companies which show their seriousness should be given the information they need to have access to the pipeline system and this could allow both users and suppliers of gas to move into new markets.

"British Gas could be able to offer various levels of service to users of its pipelines. After all, it is the most experienced and undoubtedly the best operator of gas pipeline services in the world."

Manila to talk with IMF on $4bn loan

Manila (Reuter) — The Philippines will tomorrow start crucial loan talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with about $4 billion (£2.72 billion) in new credits and rescheduled debt hanging on the outcome.

Commercial banks and governments are waiting for a new IMF deal before agreeing to lend fresh money to the Philippines, which has $28.95 billion in overseas debts. It is also seeking up to $900 million in the IMF negotiations.

The country's economy has expanded, with gross national product forecast to grow 6.8 per cent in 1988. Bankers, however, say the IMF is likely to insist on tough measures

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Trail of the lonesome pioneers

Lionel Harland and Nigel Grundy, who were tagged "Laurel and Hardy" in the days when they were seen together on the Stock Exchange floor, are joining forces again to run the new London branch of Australian brokers McNall and Hordern, which opens today. The two, who have spent the past five weeks decorating their new offices in London Wall, worked together from 1969 to 1986 at Wedd Durlacher, where they were the biggest market-makers in Australian stocks. After Wedd's merger with BZW, Harland, aged 47, who is the mining specialist, spent two years with TC Coombs. He took up McNall's offer to become its London branch manager only after passing Australian stockbroking qualifying exams — "the first for 27 years." Nigel Grundy, aged 48 and the oil industry expert, left BZW in June. The two have taken on John Riley, a former colleague at Coombs, as salesman, and Martin Rosser, a former mining engineer, as the analyst. The office will be run by Laura Richards, who has worked for six years in the securities industry. Harland is bullish about prospects for the Australian market, which he reckons is full of bargains. "Many stocks are grossly undervalued," he says. "After all, Australia was badly hurt in the crash last year, so there is plenty of recovery there. And remember, if you make profits — take them. Don't fall in love with stocks."

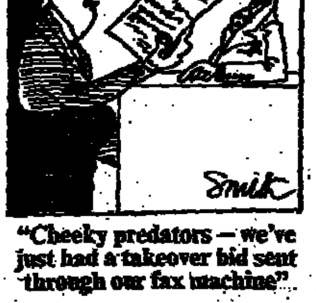
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Looking like a million

Florence Griffith Joyner, the Olympic triple gold medallist whose long painted finger nails and spectacular speed delighted the Seoul audiences last month, may have let her success go to her wallet. The cost of employing her for a speaking engagement since the Olympics has jumped from $10,000 (£5,600) to $25,000, and she is demanding $300,000 a year for product endorsements. This upping of her rates, and her decision to drop the Griffith part of her name, has earned her the nickname "Cash-Flo Jo." US advertisers reckon she will earn more than $1 million a year during the four years until the next Olympics.

Blue chips

More than 240 Cambridge University students have joined a share price competition set up by Simon Philips, a Sidney Sussex engineering graduate now studying management, to launch the university's Investors Insight Club. Philips devised the competition in which entrants have a theoretical £10,000 to invest in shares. Using *The Times* share price list as a guide, because it shows buy and sell prices, they try to increase their portfolio by the greatest amount over the seven weeks of term. The Cambridge branches of National Westminster bank are supplying the share transaction forms and will supervise the buying and selling. The winner, to be announced on December 5, will receive £500 — other prizes include a weekend for two in Paris.



"Cheeky predators — we've just had a takeover bid sent through our fax machine"

Tokyo woes

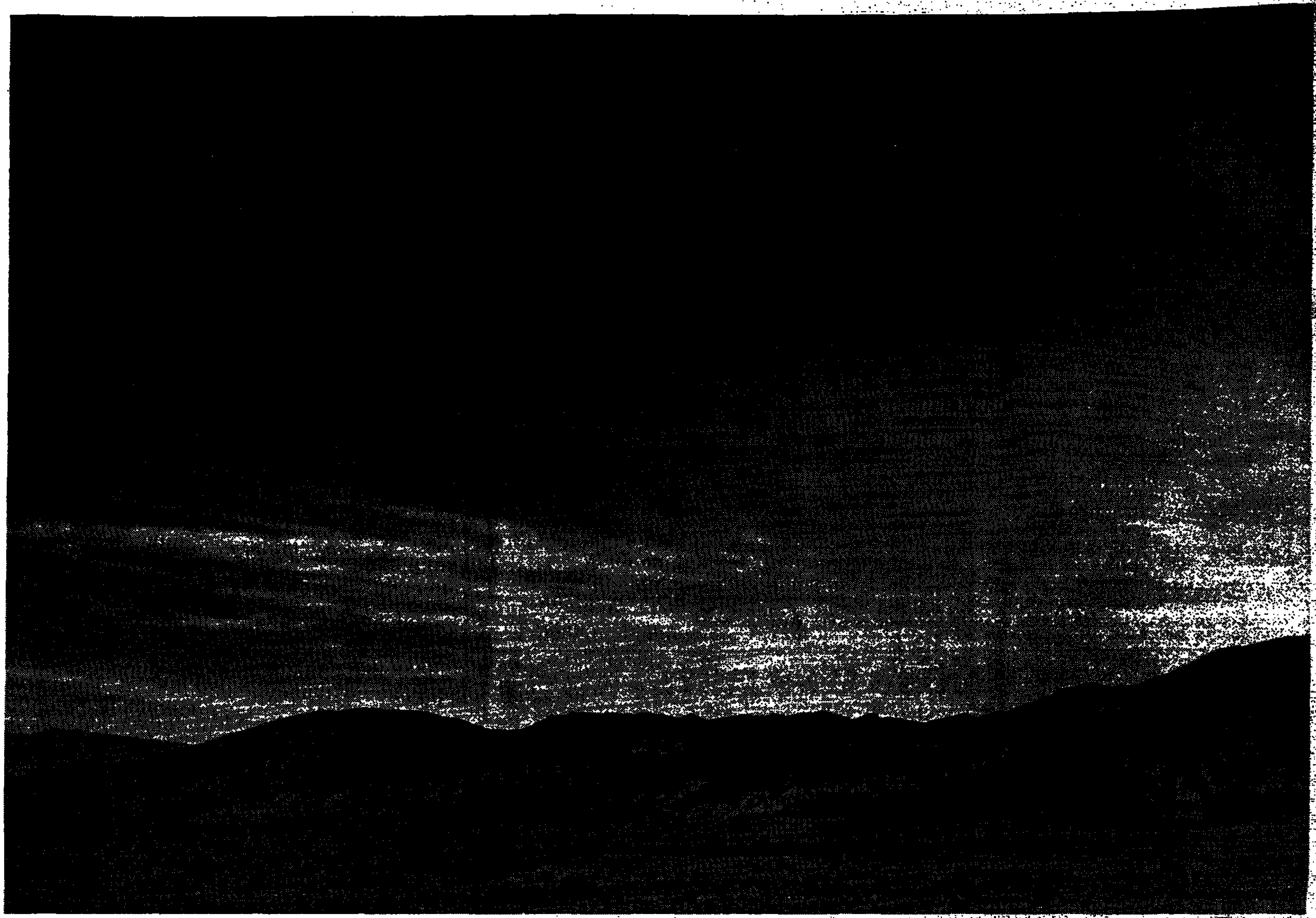
Japan's eagerness to reduce its trade surplus has spawned an advertising campaign that implores locals to "import now". Unfortunately, the posters are in English, not Japanese. Not that expatriate English and Americans in Tokyo would not love to import Japanese equipment from London and New York, where they sell for half the price one has to pay in Tokyo. Unfortunately, the import tax levied when they are brought into Japan is so severe that the price gap evaporates.

Business abnormal

"Work and walk" was the order issued by Debbie Rosser to her father, Colin, chairman of Goodhead Print, the free newspaper publishing and contract print group which recently received its full stock exchange listing. Debbie, aged 22, decided that she and her 48-year-old father should try to raise £100,000 for a local Oxfordshire school through a sponsored walk. The idea expanded into a 300-mile hike from Plymouth to Sheffield and a wider target of £250,000 to go to National Children's Homes. Helped by free overnight accomodation in Queen's Moat Houses hotels, pub lunches donated in the towns they visited, a supply of Nike equipment and a set of 15 mobile telephones lent by British Telecom, the Rossers were able to run their business as they walked. Telesales staff from the papers Goodhead prints joined them along the route for a day at a time, also working. "I must say although it was fun I was glad to see Sheffield Town Hall and those people waiting for us," Debbie said.

● **Ties may be the bane of man's existence, particularly when they misbehave and end up covered in soup or gravy. But I hear help is at hand for those who are willing to try a horrid new style, currently on sale in Paul Stuart's Manhattan store. The designer is now making shirts with a little loop on one side so that ties can be tucked away tidily.**

Rosemary Unsworth



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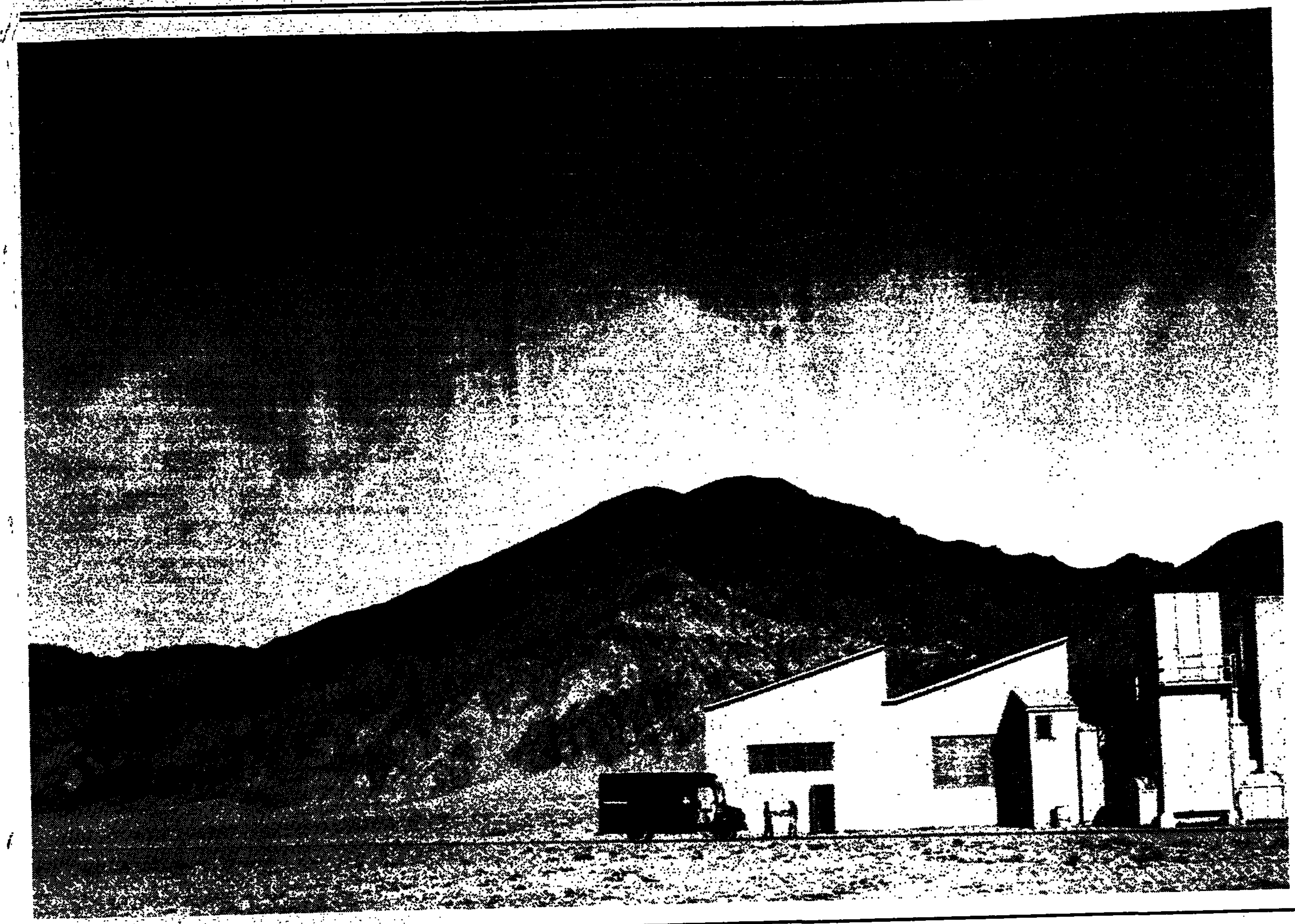

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Late-summer weather helps wine sales

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Wine sales, which were down nearly 5 per cent in the first quarter of this year, recovered in the spring, and probably received a fillip from improved late summer weather.

But extended opening hours for public houses and wine bars do not seem to have generated a significant increase in sales.

The assessment comes from the Wine and Spirit Association, which also reports a marked increase in spirits sales during the first quarter.

The slow movement of wine into the trade in the first quarter was blamed on high existing stocks. Overall, wine sales were down 4.7 per cent on annual comparison, although sparkling wines bucked the trend with a 6.3 per cent increase.

But the second quarter saw wine sales rise by 3.9 per cent compared with the same period last year, with sparkling wines bubbling up 14.1 per cent and table wines increasing by 4.2 per cent. The half-year total ended level with that of the same period last year.

Mr David Rutherford, the association's chairman, said that if table wines do well at Christmas 1988 should see record wine sales.

The fall in second-quarter wine sales was in the medium category, largely accounted for by sherries, which declined by 15 per cent. But sales of heavy wines, mostly ports, rose by 1.6 per cent.

The volume of spirits released into the retail trade in the first quarter was up by 5.1 per cent compared with the same period last year. Scotch whisky sales increased by 1.4 per cent, and Cognac by slightly more than 1 per cent. But other brandies showed the biggest rise of any single spirit, with an 18.1 per cent increase.

Other imported spirits were up 49.6 per cent in the first quarter. This category includes liqueurs as well as a variety of spirits ranging from Geneva gin, produced in Holland, to the bourbon whiskies of north America. It also now includes a wide range of increasingly popular speciality drinks with lower alcohol strengths.

Sales of British-produced gin in the first quarter showed a drop of 5.7 per cent. Other British-produced spirits, mainly vodka, rose by 6.4 per cent.

Room for growth in credi

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

The consumer credit boom still has some way to go despite recent upward trends, according to the chief economic adviser to Lloyds.

Writing in the monthly Lloyds Bank Economic Bulletin, Mr Christopher Johnson, says that the ratio of personal debt to assets has hardly changed in recent years. Thanks to the rise in house prices, which has increased the value of assets owned by individuals, the debt ratio has risen only 3 per cent to 33 per cent between 1980 and 1987.

The boom in personal lending has also helped change the character of British clearing banks. Banks must now decide how much to act in their traditional role as intermediaries — taking deposits and lending — and how much to act as brokers, says Mr Johnson.

In 1980, loans to individuals amounted to £10 billion, against £28 billion in de
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USM REVIEW

Omnitech has to box clever for US market

Last week's link-up between MB Group, better known to most of us as Metal Box, and the French group Carnaud has refocused attention on the packaging industry. Under the terms of the deal, MB merged its packaging subsidiary, worth an estimated £780 million, with that of Carnaud.

The deal has been acclaimed by most analysts and it served to convince the City of the sort of big profits that can be made in the packaging industry. It will no doubt also provide some encouragement for those companies at the other end of the industry, such as **Omnitech**, which is struggling to establish a toehold.

Omnitech had the foresight to establish its own joint-venture company with one of the leaders of the packaging world when in August it teamed up with James River Corp, America's biggest packaging group capitalized at $5.8 billion (£3.28 billion), for a distribution agreement.

Omintech joined the USM in 1986 as a greenfield venture to raise funds to develop its newly-designed Omnitrac packaging system.

Before it could sign the deal with James River, it had to cancel a distribution agreement with a company called Kliklok after Kliklok found itself being sold by its own parent company. It had also to cancel its US and Canadian royalty agreement with OmniTechnologies, which set it back £128,000. This resulted in the placing of 400,000 new shares at 32p.

Next month, Omnitech hopes to launch its assault on the US market with its new Omnitrac system. It will make its debut at Chicago's International Packaging Show and Mr Michael Barker, the managing director, says there has already been a "very encouraging" response from the Americans.

Michael Barker: debut in Chicago

The group is building an impressive client list that includes Mars, Ranks Hovis McDougall and Jamesons Chocolates. Omnitech has yet to make a profit. Last year it reported a loss of £91,000 down from £187,000 the previous year. The shares closed on Friday at 29p against the 33p placing price.

Meanwhile, keep an eye out for **Unit Group**, Britain's biggest supplier of wooden pallets, which weighs in with interim figures tomorrow and whose shares are traded on the third-tier. The market is looking for pretax profits of £525,000, compared with £360,000 for the corresponding period. It plans a USM or full listing once its Business Expansion Scheme time limit is up.

Michael Clark

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for October 28

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7645-1.7690	1.7680-1.7690	0.53-0.49pr	1.48-1.44pr
Montrl	2.1192-2.1308	2.1259-2.1308	0.34-0.20pr	0.59-0.40pr
Amstrdm	3.5353-3.5504	3.5422-3.5460	2-1⅞pr	5⅞-5⅝pr
Brussels	65.66-65.93	65.72-65.93	30-20pr	85-69pr
Copnhgn	12.0851-12.1266	12.1090-12.1203	4⅜-3⅝pr	12⅜-11pr
Dublin	1.1723-1.1790	1.1758-1.1768	47-39pr	137-123pr
Frankft	3.1355-3.1489	3.1414-3.1445	2-1⅞pr	5½-5⅜pr
Lisbon	259.10-260.93	259.90-260.93	par-43ds	17-122ds
Madrid	207.47-208.27	207.47-207.95	39-17pr	41-74ds
Milan	2333.33-2344.59	2335.53-2338.62	3-1pr	5-3pr
Oslo	11.6931-11.7352	11.7077-11.7257	par-⅝ds	⅝-1⅝ds
Paris	10.6941-10.7551	10.7194-10.7308	4-3½pr	10⅜-9½pr
Stckhlm	10.9081-10.9362	10.9139-10.9236	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4⅜pr
Tokyo	222.21-222.74	222.24-222.54	1½-1⅛pr	4⅜-4pr
Vienna	22.02-22.17	22.13-22.17	11⅞-10⅜pr	34⅞-31⅞pr
Zurich	2.6413-2.6535	2.6440-2.6473	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅞-5½pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	26.4587-26.6133
Australia dollar	2.1463-2.1502
Bahrain dinar	0.6635-0.6675
Brazil cruzado *	804.70-808.68
Cyprus pound	0.8150-0.8250
Finland marka	7.4375-7.4775
Greece drachma	257.25-259.25
Hong Kong dollar	13.8041-13.8136
India rupee	26.17-26.37
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4920-0.4960
Malaysia ringgit	4.7209-4.7255
Mexico peso	4000-4100
New Zealand dollar	2.8167-2.8229
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6025-6.6425
Singapore dollar	3.5350-3.5388
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0700-7.2184
S Africa rand (com)	4.3763-4.3842
U A E dirham	6.465-6.505

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Ireland	1.5040-1.5055	Denmark	6.8550-6.8600	Italy	1322.0-1323.0
Singapore	2.0000-2.0010	W Germany	1.7750-1.7760	Belgium (Com)	37.19-37.22
Malaysia	2.6710-2.6720	Switzerland	1.4970-1.4980	Hong Kong	7.8100-7.8110
Australia	1.2143-1.2158	Netherlands	2.0000-2.0020	Portugal	147.00-147.50
Canada	1.2030-1.2040	France	6.0580-6.0630	Spain	117.45-117.55
Sweden	6.1700-6.1750	Japan	125.65-125.75	Austria	12.51-12.52
Norway	6.6250-6.6300				

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,482,000	A & M Gp	10½	−1	..	..	..
34.6m	ASD	483	●+30	14.0	2.9	13.5
8,478,000	ATA Selection	71	..	2.6	3.7	16.8
11.2m	Aber Pet	17	−1	..	..	..
7,550,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	83	−2	2.0	3.2	15.5
23.0m	Acal	169	+1	4.7	2.8	13.4
16.5m	Acorn Comp	25	..	..	..	..
24.9m	Acsis Group	63	r −3	..	..	79.7
14.8m	Airsprung	160	−5	6.6	4.1	8.9
3,147,000	Allied Inf	99	..	5.3	5.4	10.5
6,515,000	Ald Restaurants	50	●−5	2.0	4.0	9.1
45.9m	Amer Bus Sys	123	−4	2.3	1.9	13.1
10.4m	Antler	178	●+2	4.8	2.7	14.6
39.7m	App Holographics	275	+8	..	..	..
38.6m	Ashtead	280	● ..	2.7	1.0	17.0
82.1m	Aspen Comms	500	..	7.3b	1.5	22.0
171.3m	Asprey	328	−7	6.3	2.0	14.5
4,848,000	Assoc Energy	70	+4	..	..	72.9
7,522,000	Assoc Nursing	135	..	2.7	2.0	17.7
16.6m	Atlantic Sec	63	..	..	..	..
23.2m	Atlas Equipment	288	+30	10.7	3.7	15.5
6,446,000	Automagic	113	−2	8.7	7.7	28.6
2,981,000	BBB Design	36	..	2.0	5.8	10.1
8,955,000	BCE	32	..	1.3	4.1	51.6
11.5m	BLP Group	128	●−2	4.3	3.4	16.7
3,912,000	BTS Grp	76	+2	5.7	7.5	..
10.6m	BWD	113	+3	5.0	4.4	8.1
22.5m	Beaverco	238	..	7.6	3.2	15.3
3,943,000	Bedford (William)	83	..	3.0e	3.6	7.7
8,012,000	Bensons Crisps	81	..	1.1	1.4	15.9
6,111,000	Berry Birch & Noble	101	●+1	6.0	5.9	10.2
4,215,000	Bilston&Battersea	100	● ..	5.6	5.6	12.5
5,225,000	Bio Isolates	30	..	..	..	..
10.2m	Bimec Inds	27	..	..	..	..
3,435,000	Blanchards	50	−1	..	..	..
76.0m	Blenheim Exhib	635	+25	7.1	1.1	52.8

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THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %
2,559,000	ABS Barnett	50	+9	..	..
11.2m	Aberdeen Pet	17	−1	..	..
1,482,000	Amercoeur	13	..	..	..
1,831,000	Andaman Res	58	−2	..	..
15.1m	Beckenham	100	+4	2.3	2.3
5,896,000	Broadcast	184	−5	..	..
2,016,000	Chelsea Art	105	−5	1.0	1.0
2,107,000	Chesnar Intl	58	r −2	..	..
1,605,000	Comac	70	..	..	..
2,380,000	Crown Eye	145	..	..	..
4,451,000	Eglinton	7	..	..	..
17.5m	Far E Res	74	−1	..	..
2,245,000	Hiclare	61	−2	..	..
22.6m	Honorbilt	28	r ..	..	..
2,828,000	Intl Comms	17	−1	..	..
2,036,000	Kawo (PE)	45	−1	2.0	4.4
4,287,000	LGW	95	−2	..	..
57.0m	Leading Lgr	101	+2	1.7	1.7
2,294,000	Lynx Tech	12	..	..	..
12.0m	Medirace	98	−5	..	..
6,114,000	Norton Gp	11	r −1	..	..
1,192,000	Pensico Optical	40	−1	..	..
2,438,000	Recordmaster	60	−1	..	..
9,189,000	Royal Sovereign	218	● ..	6.4	2.9
8,478,000	Seacon	101	● ..	1.3	1.3
26.4m	Tikaro	303	−5	1.3	0.4
4,951,000	UPL	113	+1	3.8	3.4
5,884,000	Unit Group	145	r −6	6.7	4.6

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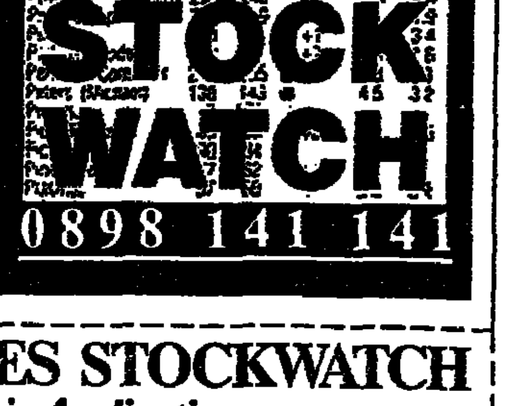

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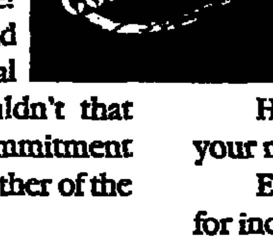

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Rising concern over the boom in leveraged deals

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From Bailey Morris
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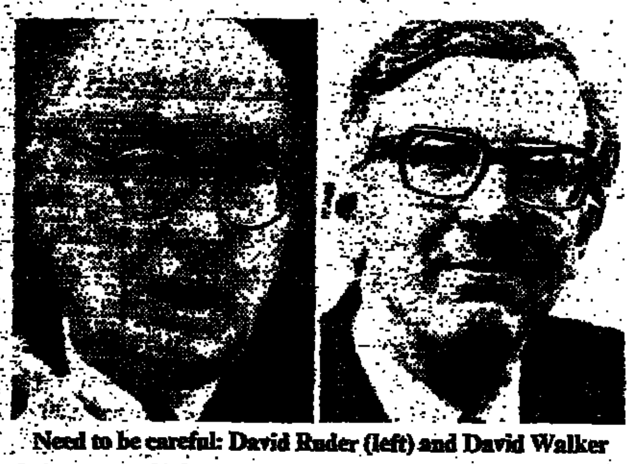

Need to be careful: David Ruder (left) and David Walker

US and British securities officials are deeply concerned over the unprecedented leveraging of big corporations, but so far neither government is prepared to restrict the activities which have caused the huge debt accumulation.

Mr David Walker, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, said he agreed with Mr David Ruder, his US counterpart, that "we must be extremely careful before we start acting like God," deciding which leveraged buyouts or mergers are good for the economy and which are bad.

He was speaking at a US conference of securities industry officials who said the record wave of leveraged buyouts and mergers had dealt a sharp blow to international stock markets.

This year, more than $32 billion (£18 billion) in activity has been syphoned off stock markets through buyouts and takeovers. The total of lost activity since 1984 amounted to an astonishing $318 billion, according to Mr Pearce Bunting, president of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

At a separate forum, Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, suggested for the first time that Congress should consider changes in the tax laws to discourage the furious pace of debt accumulation associated with takeovers.

"We do not fully understand why there has been such a large increase in the use of debt finance in the current decade. But I think it is widely recognized that the tax system provides some incentives towards leverage and it would be appropriate for the Congress to continue looking at the problem."

Mr Walker acknowledged that the "increasing leveraging of the corporate sector of the West was potentially a grave problem." The dangers would become crystal clear in a recession when corporations with big debt loans would come under pressure.

The US economy was more vulnerable because it was more highly leveraged than the British economy, he said. Indeed, Mr Walker said the two economies had gone in opposite directions. "In the UK, we have not been so lowly leveraged since the War."

The international regulators were attending a conference, sponsored by the US Securities Industries Association, on the shape of world markets after last October's crash and the future shape of markets when Asia becomes more aggressive and Europe's 1992 reforms are in place.

Several themes emerged. There was agreement that it would not be long before markets saw the birth of the truly multinational security; that markets which survived would be the ones capable of attracting a large volume of foreign transactions on fully electronic systems; that market regulators must recognize differences between large institutional investors capable of fending for themselves and individual investors who needed more protection; and that the globalization of markets through the introduction of even more sophisticated computer technology would require an international regulatory framework.

Mr Ruder, chairman of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, said Britain, the US and Canada were building this framework through the co-operative agreements they had negotiated.

"The evidence is clear that we are increasingly seeing international, cross-border, unlawful trading activity."

But he added that the co-operative agreements on information sharing and against such violations as insider training had progressed to the point that, "I hope that the US, the UK and Canada can set a model for the rest of the world."

Mr Ruder said he planned to start negotiations on bilateral regulatory agreements which could be easily expanded when the 1992 reforms are enacted. These would cover insider trading, market manipulation, information sharing, capital adequacy, and prohibitions against misrepresentation.

New Co-op stores to create 600 jobs

By Rosemary Unsworth
Retail Affairs
Correspondent

The Co-op is opening two new superstores in the South-east in the next four weeks which will create 600 jobs.

The new Leo store in Chingford, opening tomorrow, and one in Dalston, east London, which opens on November 29, represent a combined investment of £11 million for the Co-op's 79-strong superstore chain.

A site in Tottenham, north London, will also be redeveloped as a superstore, said Mr Harry Moore, chief executive officer of Co-operative retail services.

The Chingford store is a 35,000 sq ft development, with a sports and entertainment centre for 300 staff and local residents.

The east London store is off Kingsland High Street and part of the new Dalston shopping centre. The Co-op Leo is taking 50,000 sq ft.

Argentine debt

Debt talks are expected to resume today between the Argentine government and its commercial bank advisory committee. Argentina is expected to ask foreign banks for some $3 billion (£1.68 billion) in new loans.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Caledonia	Shipping	
2	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
3	Caradon	Building,Roads	
4	Medminster	Leisure	
5	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
6	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
7	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
8	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
9	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
10	Shaftsbury	Property	
11	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
12	ABB Kent	Electricals	
13	Hogg Robinson Plc	Drapery,Stores	
14	Hammerson	Property	
15	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
16	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
17	LWT Hldgs	Leisure	
18	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Coats Viyella (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
20	Provident	Banks,Discount	
21	Davis (Godfrey)	Industrials A-D	
22	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
23	Bear Brand	Industrials A-D	
24	Kwik Save	Foods	
25	Birmid Qualcast	Industrials A-D	
26	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
27	Geest	Foods	
28	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
29	Benlox	Industrials A-D	
30	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
31	Citygrove	Property	
32	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
33	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
34	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
35	Turnbull Scott	Shipping	
36	MEPC (aa)	Property	
37	Eurotunnel Warrants	Industrials E-K	
38	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
39	FKB	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Manion	Textiles	
41	Glynwed (aa)	Industrials E-K	
42	Allied Lon	Property	
43	Merivale Moore	Property	
44	Mucklow (A&J)	Property	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
2247m	Treas 11½% 1989	99¾	..	11.5	..
1382m	Treas 10½% 1989	99⅝	..	10.6	..
2378m	Exch 10% 1989	98	..	10.1	..
1232m	Exch 10¼% 1989	100⅛	●+⅛	10.2	..
1998m	Exch 11% 1989	99⅞	..	11.0	..
578m	Treas 5% 1986-89	96⅛	+⅛	5.2	..
1141m	Treas C9½% 1989	98¼	..	9.6	..
485m	Treas 3% 1989	97⅛	●+⅛	3.1	..
993m	Treas 8% 1990	99⅝	+⅛	8.0	..
1026m	Treas 13% 1990	102⅞	+⅛	12.6	..
1410m	Exch 11% 1990	100⅝	+¼	10.9	..
1283m	Exch 12½% 1990	102⅝	+⅛	12.2	..
507m	Treas 3% 1990	92⅛	● ..	3.3	..
562m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	97	..	8.5	..
1885m	Treas 10% 1990	99⅝	+⅛	10.0	..
446m	Exch 2½% 1990	89¼	● ..	2.8	..
1011m	Treas C 10% 1991	101⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
2263m	Treas 11¾% 1991	102⅛	+⅛	11.4	..
388m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	92⅛	-⅛	6.2	..
1583m	Exch 11% 1991	102⅛	+⅛	10.8	..
352m	Treas 3% 1991	88	● ..	3.4	..
1274m	Treas 8% 1991	94⅝	+¼	8.5	..
966m	Treas 12¾% 1992	107⅛	.	11.9	..
1600m	Treas 10% 1992	100	+⅛	10.0	..
1311m	Treas C10¼% 1992	101½	●+⅛	10.3	..
420m	Treas 3% 1992	84	..	3.6	..
1460m	Treas 8% 1992	94¼	+⅛	8.5	..
1444m	Exch 12¼% 1992	106⅞	+⅛	11.5	..
1955m	Exch 13½% 1992	111	..	12.2	..

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
754m	Treas 8¼% 1993	94¼	+⅛	8.8	..
1863m	Treas 10% 1993	100⅝	+⅛	9.9	..
1205m	Treas 12½% 1993	109⅝	..	11.4	..
530m	Fund 6% 1993	88⅝	-⅛	6.8	..
1437m	Treas 13¾% 1993	115	●+⅛	12.0	..
988m	Treas 8½% 1994	94⅛	..	9.0	..
706m	Treas 8½% 1994 a	94⅛	..	9.0	..
714m	Treas 14½% 1994	119	+⅛	12.2	..
1720m	Exch 12½% 1994	111	+¼	11.3	..
1280m	Exch 13½% 1994	114⅝	●+⅛	11.8	..
1550m	Treas 9% 1994	96⅛	●+⅛	9.3	..
1412m	Treas 10% 1994	100⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
2570m	Treas 12% 1995	109⅝	+¼	11.0	..
173m	Gas 3% 1990-95	81	●-½	3.7	..
2144m	Exch 10¼% 1995	102⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
1145m	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	●+⅛	11.1	..
1082m	Treas 14% 1996	120¼	+⅛	11.6	..
728m	Treas 9% 1992-96	97½	+⅛	9.3	..
1724m	Treas 15¼% 1996	127⅞	●+⅛	11.9	..
943m	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅞	●+⅛	11.2	..
1124m	Conv 10% 1996	101⅛	●+⅛	9.9	..
2479m	Treas 8¾% 1997	95⅝	+⅛	9.2	..
1785m	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	+⅛	11.1	..
3233m	Exch 10½% 1997	104¼	+⅛	10.1	..
1293m	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	●+⅛	11.8	..
847m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	84⅝	● ..	8.0	..
2860m	Exch 9¾% 1998	100⅛	+⅛	9.7	..
1486m	Treas 15½% 1998	135⅛	+⅛	11.5	..
2853m	Exch 12% 1998	114⅛	●+⅛	10.5	..
1250m	Treas 9½% 1999	100	+⅛	9.5	..
3365m	Exch 12¼% 1999	116	+⅛	10.6	..
1321m	Treas 10½% 1999	105½	●+⅛	9.9	..
1612m	Conv 10¼% 1999	104⅛	●+⅛	9.8	..
1235m	Treas 8½% 2000	93⅛	+⅛	9.1	..
2222m	Treas 13% 2000	122⅝	+⅛	10.6	..
1506m	Conv 9% 2000	96⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1035m	Treas 10% 2001	103⅛	+⅛	9.7	..
816m	Conv 9¾% 2001	101⅛	+⅛	9.6	..
1561m	Treas 14% 1998-01	124⅛	●+⅛	11.2	..
1262m	Exch 9% 2002	97⅛	●+⅛	9.3	..
745m	Conv 10% 2002	104⅛	+⅛	9.6	..
1828m	Exch 12% 1999-02	114⅛	+⅛	10.5	..
1424m	Treas 9¾% 2002	102⅛	+⅛	9.5	..

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
1051m	Treas 10% 2003	105⅛	+⅛	9.5	..
2283m	Treas 13½% 2000-03	126⅝	+⅛	10.8	..
2155m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅝	+⅛	10.1	..
953m	Treas 10% 2004	105⅛	●+⅛	9.4	..
255m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	59⅝	+⅛	5.8	..
1397m	Conv 9½% 2004	102⅛	+⅛	9.3	..
1933m	Conv 9½% 2005	102⅝	+⅛	9.2	..
1168m	Exch 10½% 2005	111⅛	+⅛	9.4	..
2733m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	124⅛	●+⅛	10.0	..
1530m	Treas 8% 2002-06	90⅛	+⅛	8.8	..
350m	Conv 9¾% 2006	105½	●+⅛	9.2	..
3720m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	118⅛	+⅛	9.9	..
1670m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133⅝	+⅛	10.1	..
1910m	Treas 9% 2008	100⅛	+⅛	8.9	..
915m	Treas 8% 2009	91⅛	+⅛	8.7	..
373m	Conv 9% 2011	101⅛	+⅛	8.9	..
685m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	68⅛	+⅛	8.0	..
624m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	89⅛	+⅛	8.7	..
1310m	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	+⅛	9.2	..

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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
181m	Consols 4%	44½	+⅛	9.0	..
767m	War Ln 3½%	39⅞	● ..	8.8	..
92m	Conv 3½%	62½	..	5.6	..
18m	Treas 3%	32⅝	..	9.2	..
77m	Consols 2½%	28	+⅛	8.9	..
133m	Treas 2½%	28	+⅛	8.9	..

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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
620m	Treas IL 2% 1990	124⅝	+⅛	2.0	..
681m	Treas IL 2% 1992	104⅛	+⅛	2.1	..
383m	Treas IL 2% 1994	95⅛	●-⅛	1.6	..
1414m	Treas IL 2% 1996	141⅛	+⅛	2.2	..
1079m	Treas IL2½% 2001	119⅝	+⅛	2.8	..
935m	Treas IL2½% 2003	116⅛	●+⅛	2.8	..
1429m	Treas IL 2% 2006	119	+⅛	2.6	..
1061m	Treas IL2½% 2009	111⅛	●+⅛	3.0	..
1567m	Treas IL2½% 2011	116⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
325m	Treas IL2½% 2013	96⅝	+⅛	3.1	..
1770m	Treas IL2½% 2016	104⅛	+⅛	3.1	..
1480m	Treas IL2½% 2020	102⅛	+⅛	3.2	..
772m	Treas IL2½% 2024	85⅛	+⅛	3.2	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
530.5m	Allied Irish	249	r -15	..		
63.1m	Anglo Leasing	192		4.7	2.4	10.1
152.4m	Ansbacher (Henry)	82	-1½	2.7	3.3	35.0
1,822.9m	Aus New Z	255	-1			
1,645.3m	Banamerica	£10	+⅛	..	..	..
[illegible]	Bank of Ireland	347½	-20½	..	..	..
1,3?1.5m	Bank Leumi Israel	£18½	..			
27.0m	Bank Leumi UK	350		16.8	4.8	11.5
[illegible]	Bank Of Scotland	355	●-6	17.8	5.0	8.2
19.2m	Bank Of Wales	62	● ..	3.7	6.0	8.9
4,56[illegible]m	Barclays (aa)	413	-16	27.9	6.8	20.3
15.5m	Benchmark	28	●-2	2.2	7.9	16.0
55.0m	Brown Shipley	348	+8	14.0	4.0	13.0
8,857,000	Bus Mortgage	59	+1			
66.4m	Cater Allen	350	..	30.0	8.6	12.0
[illegible]	Cattles	84		3.7	5.8	12.0
43.5m	Chancery	225	+5	8.0	3.6	13.2
1,338.5m	Chase Manhattan	£16¼	-⅛			
4,557.2m	Citicorp	£14⅛	●-⅛	..		
68.3m	Close Bros	187	+2	6.7	3.6	17.6
1,671.7m	Commerzbank	£80¼	+⅜			
8,257.1m	Deutsche Bank	£173½	+2⅛	..		
8,155,000	Equity & Gen	35	-2	1.8	5.1	10.5
317.5m	First Nat Finance	230	-3	12.3	5.3	7.4
169.9m	GPG	52	..	3.5	6.7	8.7
109.4m	Gerrard Nat	287	..	8.0	2.1	15.6
62.3m	Guinness Mahon	127				
420.8m	Hambros	262	+10	12.0	4.6	10.7
2,295.0m	HK Shanghai	44	-1	3.3	7.5	
26.7m	Joseph (Leopold)	508	+5	17.8	3.5	21.1
21.4m	King & Shaxson	126		12.3	9.0	13.7
470.0m	Kleinwort Benson	358	●-8	18.7	5.3	8.6
2,737.6m	Lloyds (aa)	334	-4	18.8	5.6	
25.9m	Lon Scot Bk	48		2.5	5.4	11.9
2,257.2m	Midland (aa)	413	-25	28.0	6.8	..
462.0m	Morgan Grenfell	314	●+16	14.5	4.6	29.4
2,267.6m	Nat Aust Bk	308	-3	..	..	..
4,227.5m	Nat West (aa)	545	-17	33.7	6.2	9.8
168.8m	Provident	337	●+2	23.3	6.9	9.4
28.4m	Rea Bros	75	..	0.3	0.4	..
472.9m	Rothschild (J) Hld	160	..	10.7	6.7	8.4
1,016.1m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	353	-10	17.9	5.1	6.9
223.7m	Schroders	890	●-5	22.0	2.5	11.2
761.5m	Stand Chart (aa)	489	r -11	46.7	9.6	..
1,605.0m	TSB (aa)	107	-4½	6.6	6.2	7.2
95.4m	Union Disc	509	+4	38.4	7.5	11.5
591.0m	Warburg SG	320	+14	15.3	4.8	8.8
45.4m	Do 6% 'A'	109	+7	8.0	7.3	..
2,068.9m	Wells Fargo	236	-⅛	..	..	..
38.2m	Wintrust	453	..	9.3	2.1	16.7

BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,480.2m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	477	-8	17.3	3.6	14.3
2,745.0m	Bass (aa)	803	..	26.9	3.3	12.0
95.1m	Belhaven	51	●-1½	1.0	2.0	19.9
154.7m	Boddington	167	●+8	5.4	3.2	17.3
24.3m	Buckleys	150	..	4.3	2.9	..
85.0m	Bulmer (H P)	164	+3	8.7	6.3	11.0
37.2m	Burtonwood Brew	179	+3	4.2	2.3	22.1
34.2m	Clark (Matthew)	385	-3	14.7	3.8	10.6
128.7m	Devenish (JA)	320	+1	4.0	1.3	28.2
318.8m	Greenall Whitley	279	+24	8.3	3.0	15.9
191.2m	Greene King	455	-2	9.9	2.2	20.2
3,122.5m	Guinness (aa)	344	●-1	12.9	3.8	11.4
31.6m	Hardys & Hansons	795	+5	30.0	3.8	14.8
148.4m	Highland Distl	120	-1	3.8	3.2	18.8
93.3m	Invergordon Dist	406	-4	8.3	2.0	24.5
257.8m	Irish Distl	407	-7	..	..	..
143.2m	Marston Thompson	164	+2	3.9	2.4	18.4
54.3m	Morland	853	+3	10.9	1.7	25.8
683.4m	SA Breweries	255	-5	..	..	..
1,461.7m	Scot & New (aa)	400½	..	12.2	3.0	19.7
326.3m	Vaux Grp	690	-2	21.6b	3.1	21.1
1,234.7m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	297	+1	14.1	4.7	11.1
109.5m	Do 'B'	660	+10	14.1	2.1	24.6
258.0m	Whitbread Inv	409	+2	12.3	3.0	43.4
277.4m	Wolvrhmptn & D	429	..	8.2	1.9	18.2
14.8m	Young 'A'	510	..	12.3	2.4	29.8

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
87.5m	Abbey	226	+1	..	..	8.8
248.2m	Amec	355	-5	19.3	5.4	10.1
85.2m	Anglia Sec	406	r +9	3.4	0.8	24.8
53.2m	Anglo Utd	44	-2	1.3	3.0	21.1
7,750,000	Arncliffe	155	..	5.3	3.4	9.8
189.2m	Allwoods	325	+18	9.3	2.9	15.9
1,074.6m	BPB Ind (aa)	263	+5	11.3	4.3	9.1
58.6m	Baggeridge Brick	298	+3	5.0	1.7	21.0
4,389,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	84	●+1	2.9	3.5	8.5
334.2m	Barratt Devs	187	●+13	14.9	8.0	8.0
61.2m	Bellway	242	-3	10.7	4.4	11.7
29.5m	Bellwinch	95	● ..	5.0	5.3	7.7
114.1m	Berkeley Gp	275	-8	4.7	1.7	10.5
16.2m	Bett Bros	108	-1	4.8	4.4	24.9
44.4m	Blockleys	370	-5	9.7	2.6	20.1
1,186.2m	Blue Circle (aa)	457	●-5	21.9	4.7	10.8
20.8m	Boot (Henry)	393	+2	20.0	5.1	9.3
32.3m	Breedon PLC	230	● ..	9.1	4.0	30.8
23.9m	Br Dredging	139	●-3	8.9	5.0	30.3
265.2m	Bryant	130	●-4	5.7	4.4	8.2
50.3m	CALA	143	● ..	3.7	2.6	9.9
394.0m	CRH	139	-2			
6,825,000	Cakebread Robey	130	..	5.1	3.9	22.5
210.3m	Caradon	345	+5	10.7	3.1	12.9
90.7m	Church Charles	105	-4	1.3	1.2	11.5
32.7m	Condor Grp	398	●+43	8.7	2.2	13.6
11.4m	Copson PLC	197	-5	4.0	2.0	24.5
577.3m	Costain	328	-9	14.0	4.3	13.4
94.8m	Countryside	263	-2	3.0	1.1	12.9
154.7m	Crest Nicholson	205	-10	8.3	4.0	10.4
13.1m	Crosby James	120	-2	2.7	2.3	8.5
46.9m	Douglas (RM)	308	-1	5.7b	1.8	15.4
17.5m	Edmond Hldgs	35½	●+½	1.5	4.2	16.7
43.7m	Erith	105	●-5	4.4	4.2	14.3
28.1m	Federated Hsg	283	● ..	7.7	2.7	10.3
20.8m	Finlan Gp	81	●-2	6.0	7.4	11.6
47.7m	Galliford	70	● ..	4.3	6.1	12.0
4,611,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	265	● ..	3.5	1.3	34.6
54.5m	Gleeson (MJ)	545	+5	9.3	1.7	13.0
31.6m	Harrison Ind	265	..	9.1	3.4	12.5
164.3m	Hewden-Stuart	120	-1	2.9	2.4	12.3
139.2m	Heywood Williams	281	-8	13.3	4.7	10.2
120.8m	Higgs & Hill	359	●-5	13.3	3.7	11.2
30.7m	How Gp	78	●-3	3.5	4.5	9.9
13.8m	Howard Hldgs	55		1.7	3.1	9.2
347.7m	Ibstock Johnsen	177	● ..	6.0	3.4	11.5
18.3m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	162	-2	..	..	..
138.2m	Laing (J)	308	●-7	10.7	3.5	8.1
67.2m	Lawrence (Walter)	145	-4	7.3	5.0	9.1
120.5m	Lilley (FJC)	53½	-½	..	..	62.2
122.9m	Lovell (YJ)	217	+3	7.0	3.2	10.7
389.2m	Magnet (aa)	213	+1	9.2	4.3	12.7
64.5m	Manders	210	●-3	7.6	3.6	23.4
478.0m	Marley	173	●-5½	7.3	4.2	12.3
100.5m	Marshalls (Halifax)	243	-1	9.7	4.0	11.9
25.7m	Maunders (J)	106	●+5	4.2	4.0	8.4
116.0m	McAlpine (Alfred)	329	+8	21.5	6.5	6.6
202.1m	McCarthy & S	402	-7	5.7	1.4	12.1
380.4m	Meyer Int	402	-5	12.7	3.2	10.7
13.2m	Miller (Stanley)	221	●-8	2.0	0.9	..
330.9m	Mowlem (John)	389	●+2	23.7	6.1	10.2
135.7m	NSM	79	r ..			
160.3m	Newarthill	£16½	..	18.7	1.1	42.3
111.5m	Newman Tonks	176	+4	10.5	6.0	12.8
139.5m	Persimmon	167	-3	6.0	3.6	13.4
14.2m	Phoenix Timber	101	-4	3.3	3.3	12.6
8,684,000	Pochins	835	..	25.3	3.0	6.7
——	Prowting	188				
980.0m	RMC Gp (aa)	503	●+5	16.1	3.2	12.0
105.9m	Raine Ind	90	..	2.7	3.0	18.3
1,216.9m	Redland (aa)	448	-1½	21.1	4.7	10.4
134.1m	Ruberoid	266	+5	5.9	2.2	19.3
415.8m	Rugby Group	145	●+5	6.2	4.3	13.0
123.8m	Sandell Perkins	287	● ..	7.2	2.5	13.7
58.5m	Sharpe & Fisher	295	●-15	5.3	1.8	19.7
13.2m	Smart (J)	131	..	7.2	5.5	19.6
513.6m	Steetley	344	●+6	13.3	3.9	12.2
1,764.1m	Tarmac (aa)	247	● .	10.3	4.2	11.9
947.3m	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	611	+1	14.7	2.4	22.6
73.0m	Tilbury Group	362	+3	12.8	3.5	11.8
164.0m	Travis & Arnold	460	●-5	8.7	1.9	16.9
12.7m	Trent	186	..	2.0	1.1	27.3
36.0m	Turriff	298	..	12.1	4.1	13.5
62.8m	Vibroplant	157	..	3.3	2.1	12.0
41.2m	Ward Group	188	● ..	6.1	3.2	14.9
69.5m	Ward Hldgs	133	-1	3.2	2.4	8.5
67.4m	Watts Blake	332	●+10	8.6	2.6	16.7
117.9m	Westbury	237	..	7.3	3.1	9.7
40.7m	Wiggins	262	..	8.7	3.3	11.9
169.5m	Wilson Bowden	254	● ..	6.5	2.6	14.1
294.4m	Wilson (Connolly)	166	-3	3.3	2.0	12.6
771.4m	Wimpey G (aa)	273½	-12½	10.3	3.8	11.5
13.9m	YRM	116	-3	4.0	3.4	11.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
328.1m	Allied Colloids	129½	-2½	3.1	2.4	14.5
283.3m	Amersham	559	-18	13.3	2.4	18.0
77.9m	BTP	134	-1	8.3	6.2	14.2
6,024.2m	Bayer DM50	£97½	-1	..	..	..
73.6m	Blagden	184	-11	10.5	5.7	13.6
69.7m	Brent Chems	130	● ..	7.1b	5.5	11.8
42.2m	Canning (W)	232	●+14	7.3	3.1	11.8
316.2m	Coalite	323	..	13.1	4.1	10.4
196.0m	Coates Bros	306	-2	10.5	3.4	10.0
237.7m	Croda	188	●-4	12.5	6.6	12.4
88.7m	Ellis & Everard	161	-1	7.5	4.7	11.8
4,691,000	European Colour	25½	..	1.2	4.7	27.7
80.5m	Evode	187	+4	6.2	3.3	15.6
217.9m	Foseco	263	+5	15.1	5.7	11.7
35.1m	Halstead (James)	245	● ..	11.0	4.5	8.9
182.8m	Hickson	222	-9	8.3	3.7	14.4
5,105.4m	Hoechst DM50	£97⅞	-⅛			
7,130.3m	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	£10½	..	57.3	5.4	8.9
556.5m	Laporte (aa)	405	●-4	16.8	4.1	12.5
81.6m	Leigh	232	-10	7.5	3.2	19.1
1,758.6m	Norsk Hydro	£8½	-¼	..		
73.6m	Plysu	170	-1	3.1	1.8	18.4
22.1m	Realbrook Hldgs	295	..	5.8	2.0	26.3
412.1m	Rentokil	214	●+3	4.7	2.2	18.8
15.3m	Sutcliffe Speakman	107	r ..	2.7	2.5	12.7
24.9m	Wolstenholme Rink	398	●+5	16.3	4.1	12.6
45.5m	Yorkshire Chem	252	-1	10.7	4.2	11.1
98.6m	Yule Catto	120	-3	4.5	3.8	13.8

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
94.8m	Alexon	350	+3	10.7	3.1	11.0
22.9m	Amber Day	52	..	..	..	
20.7m	Aquascutum 'A'	77	..	4.0	5.2	14.1
225.5m	Ashley (Laura)	113	+1	3.1	2.7	16.2
9,720,000	Austin Reed	370	●-2	11.3	3.1	20.8
75.5m	Beattie (James) 'A'	157	●+7	5.5	3.5	15.4
73.2m	Bentalls	178	●+1	4.3	2.4	26.1
52.8m	Blacks Leis	13¼	..	0.1	0.8	16.4
255.7m	Body Shop	600	-4	2.4	0.4	63.8
7,955,000	Bremner	68	+1			
14.9m	Brown & Jackson	43½	-2	0.1	0.2	32.7
121.6m	Brown (N)	213	..	6.7	3.1	13.5
1,136.9m	Burton (aa)	208½	-3½	10.1	4.9	10.3
14.2m	Cantors 'A'	113	●-2	3.0	2.7	10.4
31.8m	Casket plc	75	●-2	4.0	5.3	8.9
47.1m	Church	440	..	15.3	3.5	13.7
944.2m	Coats Viyella (aa)	180	+7	12.0	6.7	6.2
52.1m	Courts Furnishers	214	s -1	6.4	3.0	20.5
30.6m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	575	+5	12.5	2.2	12.2
38.5m	Dewhirst (IJ)	43	●+1	1.3	3.0	9.6
563.1m	Dixons Grp (aa)	147	..	5.7	3.9	6.1
389.7m	Dunhill	232	+10	3.6	1.6	17.5
53.8m	ERA Gp	63	-2	3.3	5.2	9.2
6,700,000	Elys (Wimbledon)	725	..	16.0	2.2	18.8
88.7m	Empire Stores	229	-3	7.0	3.1	28.6
142.4m	Etam	218	+3	8.2	3.8	11.2
176.6m	Fine Art Dev	238	+3	9.1	3.8	14.2
10.0m	Forminster	330	..	10.8	3.3	9.5
25.6m	Gent SR	71	●+1	2.0	2.8	13.0
38.9m	Goldberg (A)	228	-6	7.3	3.2	20.1
91.1m	GUS	£16⅝	..	38.0b	2.3	16.9
2,644.2m	Do 'A' (aa)	£10⅝	+⅛	38.0	3.5	10.9
18.9m	Helene Plc	31½	-½	2.2	7.0	10.1
121.4m	Hogg Robinson plc	176	-2	6.0	3.4	14.9
18.2m	Hollas	60	..	3.9	6.5	11.0
9,682,000	House Of Lerose	170	+17	12.9	7.6	17.2
20.0m	Leslie Wise Gp	70	-2	3.7	5.3	12.1
51.8m	Liberty	£11½	● .	14.1	1.2	24.1
4,547.9m	Marks Spencer (aa)	170½	+½	6.8	4.0	14.0
168.8m	Menzies (John)	304	-9	7.8	2.5	10.0
39.4m	Moss Bros	245	+12	3.9	1.6	29.9
670.9m	Next (aa)	180½	●+2½	9.9	5.5	8.7
13.3m	Oliver (G)	525	●-5	17.2	3.3	18.0
77.2m	Pentos	99	-1	1.9	1.9	11.2
919.4m	Ratners Group	199	● ..	7.2	3.6	9.1
8,721,000	S & U Stores	74	● ..	5.3	7.2	7.4
1,979.0m	Sears (aa)	132	●-2	6.3	4.8	14.0
452.0m	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	270	-4	12.0	4.4	11.0
68.8m	Sock Shop	290	..			52.2
69.1m	Stead & Simpson 'A'	123	-3	6.1	5.0	17.0
757.2m	Storehouse (aa)	185	-8	11.7	6.3	10.1
28.8m	T & S Stores	150	●-5	3.1	1.9	16.8
74.8m	Tibbet & Britten	285	..	5.5	2.3	23.7
32.5m	Tie Rack	95	+14	1.8	1.9	16.9
114.3m	Time Products	222	..	7.1	3.2	12.2
24.4m	Underwoods	90	-4	3.3	3.7	28.5
41.1m	Vivat	101	-3	3.6	3.6	17.2
332.9m	Ward White	281	-9	12.2	4.3	9.3
274.4m	Wickes	218	-4	1.8	0.8	19.9
26.5m	Widing Office	235	r .	5.3	2.3	20.7
1,100.9m	Woolworth (aa)	256	●-2	12.4	4.8	10.3

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
116.3m	AB Elect	464	●+17	20.0	4.3	10.7
65.1m	ABB Kent	87	+4	4.0	4.6	22.0
14.0m	Admiral Comp	133	..	3.0	2.3	15.8
49.9m	Alba	136	+2	5.8	4.3	12.5
48.7m	Alphameric	248	-4	4.7	1.9	11.9
1,163.9m	Amstrad (aa)	205	●-1	1.9	0.9	10.8
80.6m	Apricot Computers	125	.	2.7	2.2	12.2
12.3m	Arlen	114	-1	4.0b	3.5	9.3
9,950,000	Audio Fidelity	124	●	2.0	1.6	7.8
192.9m	Auto Sec	271	●-8	3.1	1.1	16.9
8,825,000	Beacon Gp	50	..	0.7	1.4	
41.8m	Bennett & Fountain	33	-4	1.3	3.9	10.7
873.4m	BICC (aa)	382	●-6	18.3	4.8	17.5
114.8m	BSR	68	●+3	3.1	4.6	10.0
41.1m	Bich	204	+5	6.1	3.0	14.8
50.7m	Borland	103				
258.6m	Bowthorpe	186	..	4.7b	2.8	12.7
109.8m	Britannia Security	189	●-8	3.0	1.6	13.3
14,829.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	246	-1½	12.7	5.2	10.8
5,720,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	22	..	0.3	1.4	12.7
4,072.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	396	-1	8.9	2.2	20.0
89.7m	Cambridge Elec	234	●+8	11.7	5.0	11.8
56.6m	Cambridge Instr	57	+3	1.0	1.8	18.8
128.8m	Chloride	54	-1	2.7	5.0	25.1
178.3m	Cray Elect	209	●-8	4.4	2.1	20.2
50.4m	Crystalate	160	..	7.8	4.9	7.7
6,344,000	DDT Group	98	+1	1.6	1.8	33.1
14.7m	Dale Elec	110	-2	5.7	5.2	13.2
43.0m	Domino	215	-3	4.3	2.0	10.7
57.2m	Dowding & Mills	62	● ..	2.7	4.4	12.1
407.8m	Electrocomponents	200	-2	5.8	2.9	18.8
10.1m	Elec Data Process	118	+2	2.8	2.4	10.0
1,683,000	Electronic Mach	68	+1	1.2	1.8	82.9
117.3m	Emess	462	●-1	11.5	2.5	17.4
116.2m	Eurotherm	403	-1	8.8	2.1	14.7
591.8m	FKI Babcock (aa)	135	+6	3.1	2.3	17.8
188.6m	Farnell Elect	149	-1	5.1	3.4	11.3
716.1m	Ferranti Intl (aa)	96	-1½	3.1	3.2	12.0
17.2m	Forward Tech	51	+2	1.3	2.5	8.3
4,549.0m	GEC (aa)	170½	+½	8.7	5.1	10.1
82.1m	Harland Simon	379	+5	8.2	0.8	24.6
6,584,000	Highland Elect	75	..	4.0	5.3	11.9
165.6m	Hoskyns Gp	413	+5	32.0	7.7	37.0
13.8m	ITL Gp	44	-4	2.7	6.1	7.7
59.0m	Jones Stroud	250	+5	8.0	3.2	12.9
17.7m	Kode	315	-3	20.7	6.6	10.3
22.5m	Lec Refrigeration	373	-2	18.0	4.8	10.3
58.4m	Life Sciences	54	-1	1.3	2.4	32.0
235.9m	Logica	390	●+8	3.1	0.8	21.5
58.2m	Macro 4	288	● ..	5.2	1.9	16.6
81.7m	Memec	228	●+1	5.8	2.6	14.8
45.2m	MBS	45	-1	1.3e	2.9	10.3
74.6m	Microfilm Repro	378	r -5	4.5	1.2	27.4
19.8m	Micro Focus	182	-3	..	..	16.4
88.1m	Microgen	228	+1	8.0	3.5	14.1
122.3m	Mitel	155	-1	..	..	..
541.9m	Molex	£21⅞	-⅛	..	..	..
11.4m	Muirhead Elect	78	● ..	0.1	0.1	..
10.2m	Murray Elect	34	● ..	0.3	0.8	..
9,873,000	Newmark (Louis)	333	..	19.6	5.9	10.1
249.3m	NEI	107	●+1½	7.2b	6.7	34.9
14.1m	NMW Comp	69	-2	.. ●	..	12.1
166.0m	National Telecom	149	..	2.7	1.8	18.5
9,873,000	Newmark (Louis)	333	..	19.6	5.9	10.1
88.8m	Northamber	386	r -5	2.0	0.5	16.9
19.6m	Oceonics	18	-1	..	..	..
126.2m	Oxford Instruments	282	+8	3.8	1.4	17.5
32.3m	P-E International	138	● ..	5.1	2.6	14.2
49.7m	P & P	250	-2	2.7	1.1	20.7
138.6m	Peek	49	-1	0.4	0.8	32.2
9,898,000	Philips Fin 5½%	277½	..	575	7.4	..
2,455.2m	Philips Lamps N/V	£9⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
6,944,000	Pifco	320	..	11.3	3.5	8.9
4,712,000	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	270	-1	11.3	4.2	7.6
320.1m	Pilgrim House	257	-1	8.0	3.1	14.2
1,297.4m	Plessey (aa)	175	+11	8.9	5.1	11.0
40.5m	Pressac	169	-12	2.3	1.4	13.9
25.6m	Quest Automation	118	..	2.0	1.7	10.1
17.2m	Quotient	128	-5	4.3	3.4	8.3
1,836.8m	Racal Elect (aa)	288½	r -17	6.0	2.1	20.5
4,516,000	Rosa	103	..	4.7	4.6	10.8
161.2m	SD-Scicon	80	●-½	0.9	1.1	24.0
31.5m	Scantronic	110	r -5	2.1	1.9	18.6
69.3m	Scholes (GH)	505	●+5	22.7	4.5	14.1
285.4m	Sema Gp	324	-1	2.9	0.9	24.8
10.3m	Sintrom	107	● ..	3.1	2.9	14.2
33.4m	Sound Diffusion	24	-2	0.1	0.4	..
1,576.9m	STC (aa)	285	-3½	10.3	3.6	12.7
2,077.9m	TDK	£17¼	-⅛	..	..	..
319.1m	Telephone Rentals	354	+14	12.0	3.4	28.0
23.4m	Telemetrix	47½	+½	..	..	..
72.1m	Therm Scientific	221	+3	5.3	2.4	18.4
1,814.4m	THORN EMI (aa)	660	-7	29.3	4.4	12.6
46.9m	Tunstall	295	-20	5.0	1.7	19.8
291.0m	UEI	407	●+1	9.7	2.4	18.9
137.6m	Unitech	219	..	12.1	5.5	11.2
107.2m	Utd Scientific	193	-2	9.2	4.8	14.8
165.4m	VG Instruments	329	●-2	6.5	2.0	11.0
58.9m	Volex	373	+3	16.0	4.3	13.2
14.8m	Western Selection	103	..	4.8	4.7	10.2
70.8m	Wholesale Fittings	505	-2	17.2	3.4	16.0

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
12.8m	AC Hldgs	83	s ..	5.6	6.7	3.2
52.3m	Abingworth	258	●-1	1.7	0.7	..
31.8m	Aitken Hume	65	-8	3.3	5.1	97.0
88.3m	Antofagasta	295	●-1	16.0	5.4	8.6
23.6m	Ass Henriques	75	..	3.3	4.4	30.7
22.0m	Authority Inv	245	-5	8.0	3.3	12.7
124.0m	Berkeley Govett	160	●-15			
871.7m	Br Commonwlth (aa)	243	+7	11.3	4.7	10.3
25.1m	Burns-Anderson	69	-1	5.0	5.1	16.3
48.1m	Camellia	£19	● ..	24.0	1.3	40.4
30.7m	Candover	425	+2	12.7	3.0	59.4
4,240,000	Centreway	112	-3	.. ●	..	21.9
207.6m	Christies Int	607	●+7	18.7	3.1	13.4
17.8m	Harvey&Thompson	425	●+5	16.0	3.8	15.0
23.8m	Indl Fin Inv	93	● ..	5.3	5.7	13.4
40.2m	Ivory & Sime	131	..	7.7	5.9	16.7
54.3m	LIT	149	+1	10.0	6.7	16.1
55.7m	Majedie	216	..	8.7	4.0	32.5
110.5m	Nat Home Loans	120	+5	9.4	7.8	10.6
24.5m	Newmarket	69	-1			
14.8m	Parrish Plc	175	-15	1.3	0.7	..
132.8m	Rit Cap Prtnrs	80½	-½	1.2	1.5	..
35.3m	Silvermines Plc	128	r ..			
151.0m	Singer & Fried	72	●-1	2.0	2.8	23.9
57.2m	Sothebys	£10⅝	..			
154.8m	Templeton Gorth	129	+2	4.3	3.3	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,558.2m	American Express	£15⅝	●-1⅛	..	..	..
18.3m	Argyle	86	+5	4.0	4.7	22.6
246.8m	Britannia Arrow	106	..	7.3	6.9	7.9
192.0m	Daily Mail	£38½	..	94.7	2.5	17.8
313.2m	Electra	208½	+½	6.4	3.1	42.0
34.2m	Frost Gp	241	-1	10.7	4.4	19.2
77.7m	GT Management	180	-1	8.7	4.2	8.0
63.3m	Goode Durrant	129	+2	4.4	3.4	8.8
132.1m	Henderson Admin	730	..	36.0	4.9	11.7
88.5m	ICH	100	-27	10.0	10.0	8.9
286.3m	MAI	91	●-1	5.7	6.3	8.9
231.8m	MAM	329	+6	16.0	4.9	8.4
265.3m	M & G	346	+8	10.0	2.9	16.7
89.3m	Rutland	40	●-½	0.5	1.3	24.1
48.1m	Smith New Court	164	..	10.7	6.5	14.1
76.0m	Tyndall Hldgs	139	●+2	7.3	5.3	13.5

FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,454.7m	AB Food (aa)	325½	+5½	11.1	3.4	10.8
1,770.0m	ASDA Group (aa)	153	-2	5.5	3.6	12.2
6,892,000	Alpine Group	35	-5	..	..	..
25.5m	Appletree Hlgs	145	+10	4.1	2.8	26.2
1,623.6m	Argyll (aa)	180	+2	7.1	3.9	13.7
29.6m	Ashley Group	75½	-2½			
28.2m	Assoc Fisheries	161	+5	6.7	4.2	16.1
11.7m	Banks (Sidney C)	175	..	9.3	5.3	7.7
104.5m	Barker & Dobson	122	-3	5.3	4.3	12.1
43.1m	Barr (AG)	683	..	17.3	2.5	11.9
41.3m	Bassett Foods	263	-7	10.4	4.0	13.6
16.5m	Batleys	106	+3	3.2	3.0	15.5
258.0m	Bejam	204	●+38	7.0	3.4	16.5
780.7m	Berisford (S&W)	407	-3	19.3	4.7	16.4
670.7m	Booker	386	●-8	22.1	5.6	14.2
31.0m	Borthwick	59	-2	0.7	1.2	..
105.1m	Brake Bros	236	..	3.9	1.7	20.8
2,271.0m	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	379	●-6½	11.1	2.9	21.2
15.7m	Carrs Milling	230	-3	9.7	4.2	8.2
11.6m	Cliffords Dairies	523	● ..	12.1	2.3	26.0
14.5m	Collens	63	-2			
742.2m	Dalgety (aa)	336	..	20.0	6.0	11.2
5,352,000	Daniels S	70	-3	4.3	6.1	14.6
3,378,000	England (J)	56	..	..	..	..
194.5m	Fitch Lovell?	120	-1			
363.2m	Fisher (A)	104½	-2½	3.0	2.9	15.5
293.7m	Fitch Lovell	255	r +2	16.0	6.3	12.2
1,537.6m	Gateway Corp (aa)	173	+1	11.3	6.5	11.4
184.0m	Geest	265	+5	5.8	2.2	21.4
441.9m	Hazlewood Foods	229	+10	3.5	1.5	17.6
1,118.8m	Hillsdown (aa)	272	-9	6.7	2.5	13.2
42.4m	Hunter Saphir	175	-2	5.4	3.1	15.4
107.9m	Iceland Frozen	331	●-11	6.1	1.8	19.2
556.0m	Kwik Save	367	+5	9.5	2.6	18.5
5,627,000	Lees (John J)	115	..	2.5	2.2	18.3
1,682,000	Lovell (GF)	178	..	2.7	1.5	..
87.5m	Low (Wm)	670	+15	20.7	3.1	15.6
107.0m	Matthews (Bernard)	85	● ..	2.8	3.3	11.9
7,817,000	Meat Trade Supp	298	● ..	4.9	1.6	..
240.8m	Morrison (W)	257	● ..	2.7	1.1	15.4
43.0m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	230	●-5	10.9	4.7	12.7
80.2m	Normans	61½	+3	2.6	4.2	17.5
647.5m	Nthn Foods (aa)	293	+8	13.3	4.5	11.8
168.1m	Nurdin & Peacock	176	●-5	6.1	3.5	15.8
19.1m	Park Foods	186	..	7.1	3.8	13.5
4,872,000	Pointergen	77	r -1	0.3	0.4	..
1,357.5m	RHM (aa)	393	+9	14.2	3.6	16.3
3,148.0m	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	210	+5	5.6	2.7	16.3
472.6m	Salvesen (Chstn)	170	..	5.5	3.2	18.5
643.0m	Tate & Lyle (aa)	858	-3	36.0	4.2	11.9
2,634,000	Tavener Rutledge	91	-2	1.7	1.9	11.5
2,123.0m	Tesco (aa)	139	●-7	4.0	2.9	13.5
80.5m	Thorntons	128	..	2.8	2.2	17.8
668.5m	Unigate (aa)	292	-5	16.9	5.8	11.7
1,265.2m	Utd Biscuits (aa)	309	-7½	15.3	5.0	13.2
30.0m	Watson & Philip	198	..	11.1	5.6	14.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
24.9m	Friendly Hotels	266	+2	2.9	1.1	17.5
3,901.9m	Grand Met (aa)	455	r -5	17.3	3.8	12.8
1,941.9m	Ladbroke (aa)	458	+5	19.7	4.3	15.6
131.1m	Norfolk Cap Gp	31½	● ..	0.6	1.9	25.2
531.8m	Mount Charlotte	164	-7	2.7	1.6	20.4
483.9m	Queens Moat	109	r +1½	2.8	2.6	19.4
8,826,000	Resort Hotels	18½	..	0.6	3.2	12.4
219.5m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	793	..	6.7	0.8	24.2
263.1m	Stakis	102	-3	2.4	2.4	17.3
2,073.6m	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	265	-3	9.8	3.7	18.4

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
28.0m	AAF Inv	163	..	7.2	4.4	10.4
172.0m	AAH	265	+10	13.6	5.1	9.4
497.1m	ADT (aa)	133	● ..	..	..	..
95.9m	AGB Research	219	●-2	5.3	2.4	17.3
30.4m	AIM	290	-5	10.0	3.4	13.3
169.4m	AMI Health	254	+4	8.8	3.5	14.1
47.4m	APG	69	+4	2.3	3.3	16.5
382.6m	APV	131	●+½	5.9	4.5	14.1
119.8m	ASW	184	-8	9.7	5.3	10.1
47.4m	Aarchson	123	-4	7.4	6.0	10.8
138.4m	Adwest	344	●+3	15.7	4.6	11.9
25.1m	Aerospace Eng	95	s +2	3.5	3.7	17.1
57.4m	Alexandra W'wear	173	●-4	4.6	2.7	17.3
30.3m	Alumasc	247	●+2	10.2	4.1	12.8
9,332,000	Amber Ind	360	+5	14.7	4.1	13.1
14.3m	Armour	56	●-1½	1.2	2.1	12.4
31.2m	Ash & Lacey	740	●	44.0	5.9	11.2
11.1m	Ass Br Eng	4¼	-¼	..	..	15.3
118.8m	Aurora	128	●+6	4.5	3.5	20.6
102.8m	Avdel	81	+3½	2.1	2.6	19.4
497.4m	Avis Europe	341	+2	12.3	3.6	15.1
117.0m	Avon Rubber	703	-7	14.7	2.1	16.1
10.0m	Ayrshire Metal	201	-6	11.3b	5.6	15.1
1,420.0m	BAA (aa)	284	+2	9.7	3.4	13.0
382.4m	BBA	177	●+2	4.3	2.4	10.9
1,729.3m	BET Ord (aa)	243	+16½	13.3	5.5	12.5
102.3m	BM Gp	389	●-1	4.0	1.0	16.1
1,962.5m	BOC (aa)	431	+10	18.0	4.2	12.0
131.4m	BSG	66	-1½	2.8	4.2	10.9
72.1m	BSS Group	388	+3	16.0	4.1	11.3
4,955.0m	BTR (aa)	293	●+1	14.4	4.9	14.2
44.2m	BWI	190	●+3	6.0	3.2	..
7,971,000	Bailey (CH)	14½	-½	..	..	..
204.4m	Baird (Wm)	234	-1	9.1	3.9	11.0
10.2m	Bardsey	45	-1	0.3	0.7	14.7
582.4m	Barlow Rand	348	+15	..	..	..
48.1m	Barrett (H)	193	..	4.5	2.3	13.8
3,790,000	Barton Transport	750	..	32.0e	4.3	65.8
18.8m	Baynes (Charles)	28½	-2	..	..	..
9,159,000	Bear Brand	11	+1	0.7	6.4	2.2
10.8m	Beauford	167	●+2	5.6	3.4	14.5
497.4m	Beazer PLC (aa)	180	-9	8.5	4.7	7.5
3,597.1m	Beecham (aa)	475	+1½	19.1	4.0	14.4
22.7m	Benlox	53	r +3	1.1	2.1	..
39.5m	Bespak	296	+2	6.7	2.3	18.8
15.9m	Bestwood	55	..	0.7	1.3	..
181.1m	Bibby (J)	160	..	11.3	7.1	7.4
2,511,000	Billam (J)	155	●+3	5.4	3.5	..
329.1m	Birmid Qualcast	449	+3	12.7	2.8	26.0
26.0m	Birmingham Mint	184	-9	10.0	5.4	9.3
25.0m	Black Arrow	107	-1	3.7	3.5	11.7
78.7m	Black (Peter)	158	..	2.2	1.4	14.2
87.7m	Blackwood Hodge	53½	●-2½	1.7	3.2	9.8
712.0m	Blue Arrow (aa)	99½	+1½	1.8	1.8	16.0
71.3m	Bodycote	300	+4	7.7	2.6	15.4
2,063.0m	Boots (aa)	223	-2	11.7	5.2	12.3
3,048,000	Booth Inds	87	+5	1.8	2.1	14.5
517.4m	Bowater	439	●-5	18.0	4.3	14.7
481.7m	Bowater Inc	£16⅞	+⅛	..		
21.7m	Braithwaite Grp	287	..	6.0	2.2	11.4
107.2m	Brammer	253	+8	18.7	8.6	14.4
22.0m	Brasway	59	+1	13.6	23.1	14.6
7,021,000	Bridgend Gp	48	-2	0.5	1.0	24.4
97.1m	Bridon	173	-8	8.7	5.0	18.6
24.0m	Bridport-Gundry	240	-2	9.3	3.9	22.5
1,025.0m	Brierley Inv	50	..			
1,186.8m	Br Airways (aa)	166	-½	9.2	5.6	7.3
3,440,000	Br Bldg & Eng App	285	..	4.0	1.4	16.3
49.8m	Br Syphon	155	●+23	6.2b	4.0	14.3
296.1m	Br Vita	229	●-5	7.2	3.1	13.7
6,721.0m	Broken Hill	383	-12			
24.5m	Bromsgrove Inds	119	..	2.8	2.4	12.3
11.6m	Brooke Tool	38	-½	2.3	6.1	10.5
58.9m	Brown & Tawse	204	+22	10.7	5.2	12.4
185.6m	Bullough	473	-4	19.6	4.1	13.0
75.3m	CH Ind	139	-1	5.0	3.6	8.8
36.5m	Camford Eng	187	-1	4.0	2.1	19.3
159.1m	Cannon St	291	r +27	10.7b	3.7	18.5
20.8m	Caparo Ind	54	●+½	1.1	2.0	..
77.8m	Cape Ind	151	-2	7.3e	4.8	11.5
4,282,000	Castlon	10				
73.0m	Cardo Eng	175	+2	6.3	3.6	13.1
18.8m	Castings	181	-1	6.7	3.7	10.5
12.9m	Celestion	68	-4	1.3	2.4	..
82.5m	Central & Sheer	9¾	+1½	.. ●		
5,182,000	Centreway Ind	48		3.3	6.9	9.4
58.7m	Chamberlin Ph	167	-7	7.3	4.5	14.0
7,190,000	Chamberlin & Hill	232	-4	8.0	3.9	9.8
460.8m	Charter Cons	457	-9	19.3	4.4	12.5
74.1m	Charterhall	20½	r +½	0.8	3.4	6.8
20.2m	Chemring	643	..	26.0	4.0	10.5
24.0m	Christy Hunt	48	-2	1.2	2.5	42.1
——	Claybithe	144	+2	3.2	2.2	14.4
6,425,000	Clayton Son	257	..	12.0	4.7	9.8
13.0m	Cohen (A)	214½	+1	21.9	1.6	13.9
382.5m	Colorol Gp	176½	-1½	8.8	5.0	8.8
48.0m	Concentric	234	..	9.1	3.9	13.6
5,821,000	Conrad Hldgs	68	●-1	3.3	4.9	20.1
16.3m	Cont Stationery	100	+2	4.0	4.0	14.8
23.0m	Cook (Wm)	209	-1	8.0	3.8	17.7
1,017.4m	Cookson (aa)	261	●+5	8.7	3.1	11.9
58.9m	Cornwell Parker 'A'	180	●-25	32.0	3.9	10.5
19.8m	Cosalt	179	-3	7.3	4.1	15.8
27.8m	Courtney Pope	227	●+2	9.3	4.1	12.2
15.8m	Cowan De Groot	63½	+5½	2.0	3.1	..
4,690,000	DSC	63	..	1.0	1.6	34.6
833.8m	Dana	£20¼	-½			
1,998,000	Davies & Met 'A'	111	..	3.2	2.9	11.4
48.9m	Davies & Newman	625	..	7.5	1.2	7.1
133.7m	Davis (Godfrey)	158	●+5	8.4	5.3	11.7
185.1m	Davy	163	..	8.3	5.1	28.7
889.2m	De La Rue	478	+2	17.7	3.7	18.2
424.6m	Delta	293	●+5	12.7	4.3	10.5
32.3m	Desoutter	284	+3	12.5	4.7	9.8
2,820,000	Dinkie Heel	30	..	0.7	2.3	27.3
121.7m	Diploma	215	..	8.7	4.0	12.8
99.2m	Dobson Park	96	..	7.0	7.4	11.6
9,784,000	Docias	90	r -2	0.7	0.8	88.2
80.0m	Dominion Int	108	..	7.3	6.6	10.5
2,360,000	Dyson (J&J)	143	..	6.0	4.2	15.9
10.0m	Do 'A'	84	-2	5.0	7.1	9.3

E - K

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
67.4m	EIS	285	..	11.5	4.0	13.8
34.6m	Eastern Prod	270	-1	13.3	4.9	7.3
104.0m	Eagle Trust	13¾	-½	0.6	4.4	14.8
24.9m	Edbro	285	..	12.0	4.2	11.7

L - R

S - Z

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
78.8m	Transcontinental	215	+10	12.8	8.0	17.5
346.4m	Transport Dev	240	●+3	12.5	5.1	13.0
11.3m	Triefus	115	●-2	8.0	5.2	22.0
48.6m	Triplex Lloyd	183	..	6.9	3.4	12.9
30.8m	Unitare	415	..	..	——	——
7,002,000	Usegroup	32	-1			
3,888.8m	Unilever (aa)	488	..	16.7	3.3	12.0
5,468.0m	Unilever (NV)	£34¼	..			
9,837,000	Utd Guarantee	21	..			
150.0m	VSEL	480	..	13.3	3.2	9.1
22.5m	Verson	30	..	0.4	1.3	42.9
488.5m	Vickers	179	●-7½	9.2	5.1	11.3
37.2m	Vinten	178	..	5.3	3.0	16.5
2,656.0m	Volkswagen	£95½				
68.5m	Vosper Thornycroft	385	..			11.0
152.1m	Wade Potteries	142	..	6.0	4.0	10.4
94.8m	Wagon Ind	348	+35	16.0	4.6	12.5
107.1m	Walker, Greenbank	177	●-1	3.7	3.2	12.9
40.3m	Warner Howard	175	..	4.0	2.3	18.0
375.3m	Westland	91	●-4			
130.0m	Weir	252	●-7	7.3	2.9	22.3
150.0m	Weir	252	●-7	7.3	2.9	22.3
4,107.3m	Wellcome (aa)	487	..	4.0	0.8	64.3
9,880,000	Wellman	45	..	..	..	5.8
——	Westcast	65	●+2			
74.6m	Whatman Reeve	345	● ..	5.7	1.7	16.1
18.8m	Whessoe	103	+1	1.3	1.8	..
47.3m	Whewmy	90	..	2.3	2.8	28.2
100.8m	Whitecroft	315	+2	15.3	4.9	12.3
8,236,000	Wilkes (James)	192	●-8	9.7	5.1	19.5
9,430,000	Williams Bret	18½	●-1	0.7	3.8	16.9
824.2m	Williams Hldgs (aa)	365½	+½	18.3	5.0	12.9
10.6m	Wills Gp	113	..	5.3	4.7	20.0
553.1m	Wolseley	270	+13	12.0	4.4	8.9
3,400,000	Wood (Arthur)	170	..	4.7	2.8	16.9
14.8m	Wood (SW)	141	..	2.7	1.9	18.4
53.3m	Worcester	195	● ..	3.1	1.6	20.5
11.9m	Wyndham Eng	240	●-5	4.0	1.7	12.3
370.1m	Yale & Valor	338	-17	10.0	3.0	15.9
21.6m	Young (H)	168	●-2	5.9	3.6	11.1

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
809.4m	Abbey Life (aa)	269	●-5	14.5	5.0	..
682.2m	Alex & Alex	£24	-½	..		
8,251.8m	Allianz-Vers	£662½		..	..	
2,478.3m	Am Gen	£18½	-1½			
31.4m	Archer (AJ)	136	-4	5.3	3.9	10.1
38.8m	Bradstock	222	-1	6.8	3.1	12.7
215.8m	Britannic	345	-7	19.7	5.7	..
1,418.5m	Com Union (aa)	337	●-6	22.7	6.7	12.8
186.6m	FAI	180	-5			
1,841.8m	Gen Accident (aa)	877	●+11	50.7	5.8	..
1,531.3m	GRE (aa)	1109½	+5	11.6	6.1	..
204.1m	Heath C E	447	-8	34.2	7.7	16.0
78.4m	Hibernian	158	+8			
73.8m	Hogg Rob & Gill	151	●-4	3.3	2.2	..
1,475.0m	Legal & Gen (aa)	312	●-3½	15.3	3.2	..
53.7m	Lloyd Thompson	209	●-6	6.7	3.2	16.1
316.7m	London & Man	270	●-1½	12.3	4.6	..
77.2m	Lon Utd Inv	133	+5	10.7	8.0	15.1
2,401.8m	Marsh & McLen	£32½	●-½			
31.8m	PWS	137	-6	14.0	10.2	5.7
826.4m	Pearl (aa)	459	-7	18.0	3.9	..
2,848.0m	Prudential (aa)	166	●-1	9.6	5.8	..
238.6m	Refuge	475	●-17	25.0	5.3	25.3
1,838.3m	Royal (aa)	385	●-6	22.3	7.1	..

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
95.6m	Kuk Energy	37	+4	10.3	2.0	45.1
908.9m	LASMO (aa)	504	●-8	31.9	21.8	..
10.4m	Do Units	146	●-7	..	..	..
21.7m	Marinex	22	-2	..	..	..
8,742,000	New London Oil	15½	..	..	..	..
——	Oil Search	34	-1	..	..	..
7,088,000	Petrocon	62	-2	..	..	..
——	Petroz	1½	..	..	..	18.6
217.7m	Premier	59	-½	..	..	..
244.7m	Ranger	328	+27	..	..	..
17,087.3m	Royal Dutch	283¾	-⅞			
10,760.0m	Shell (aa)	377	●-7	64.0	6.8	10.4
13.7m	Silkolene	136	+3	13.3	4.7	10.4
65.7m	Sovereign	14½	+½	..	..	41.4
12.1m	TR Energy	5	-½	..	..	..
——	Target	147	..	..	..	34.0
121.2m	Triton Europe	259	-1	8.9	3.7	23.8
[illegible]	Ultramar (aa)	89	r -7	..	..	
——	Woodside		+5			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.1m	Boustead	44	● ..	0.9	2.0	20.1
17.4m	Chillington	131	-3	10.3b	7.9	10.3
119.3m	Finlay (James)	122	-4	6.5	4.5	..
945.8m	Harrisons Crosfield (aa)	942	●-9	58.7b	6.0	18.0
780.9m	Inchcape (aa)	218	+1	9.8	4.5	12.9
1,722.0m	Lonrho (aa)	381½	+10½	15.8	4.1	17.7
30.2m	Ocean-Wilson	51	..	3.3	6.5	9.5
79.2m	Paterson Zoch	324	-1	10.4	3.2	11.0
74.5m	Do 'A'	325	-1	10.4	3.2	11.0
881.2m	Polly Peck (aa)	311	+1	18.3b	5.2	7.4
0,860.8m	Sime Darby	82	● ..			
257.2m	Tozer Kemsley	102	●-2	3.3	3.2	10.3

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
34.6m	Abbott Mead	208	● ..	8.3	2.4	14.3
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Many fee-paying schools boast of their university entrance exam successes and regard polytechnics as vulgar. But are they giving school-leavers, and parents, the best advice?

A lesson for parents

Independent schools are overwhelmingly successful at getting their students into university, which is, after all, what most parents are paying £4,000-plus a year for. However, many such schools display an equally overwhelming disdain for *other centres of higher education*, notably polytechnics.

While it would be unfair to claim that all independent schools take a snobbish view of higher education, it is worth noting how many gloat over their Oxbridge entrance success rates.

Head teachers of schools with a high examination success rate are justifiably proud of their products. What better way can there be to demonstrate their excellence?

Last year, 42.6 *per* cent of sixth formers accepted by Cambridge were from private schools. At Oxford the figure was 47 per cent. However, as one career advisor at a Sussex public school said, "talent will out" and Oxbridge types in private schools are, by and large, going to get in anyway.

But what of the less brilliant candidate, the teenager who is going to get two C grades and is hoping for a D in the least *favourite A level subject? Where* can he or she expect to go when they leave school?

It seems unlikely that they will be advised to aim a little lower and perhaps look closely at one or two of the vocational courses at a polytechnic, such as the modern languages and business studies course at the Middlesex, which are becoming increasingly popular with employers.

Last year, just 9.6 per cent of applicants for polytechnic places came from the independent sector and 6.7 per cent were successful, compared to universities where 22.7 per cent of students had attended fee-paying schools.

But higher education is on the verge of a radical upheaval, if the Conservative Party gets just half its way, and private schools would be well advised to take note if they have not done so already.

Since they were set up in 1963 polytechnics have been looked upon as the universities' poorer cousins; the consensus was that they were "gritty places in the valleys close to the dirty hands of industry," as Robert Jackson, the Minister for Higher Education, *said recently*.

However, he said that if the Government were to channel more funds through students rather than the quango funding bodies — the Universities Funding Council and the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council — students would "think more deeply about the costs and the benefits of education".

As a result, polytechnics look set to do well out of the increased competition. Put in the jargon of education, the Binary Divide would fade in all but name (Mr Jackson ruled out the idea that a polytechnic could, or should, change its name to university).

All this might seem very distant to the parent looking for a place *where their 12-year-old might fit* in. But independent schools make much of their exam success rate and when it comes to the crunch statistical information of this kind is often the only absolute to cling to in a sea of impressions and second-hand opinion.

Parents should question head teachers ruthlessly about the *destinations of their charges* when they leave school. The head who talks of little else but the marvellous time so-and-so is having at Oxford and how he is tipped for a blue and to be president of the union should be asked what his staff do for dyslexic children and those with other learning handicaps. It is the amount of time and effort ploughed into the less able child which will reveal the true standing of a school.

"I *have discerned* a prejudice against polytechnics among some of the older and more established private schools which is not matched by their less well-known competitors," says Tony Higgins, the chief executive of the Polytechnics *Central Admissions* Council which processes the applications of tens of thousands of polytechnic entrants every year.

He says that quite where the cut-off comes is difficult to make out, but many of the minor public schools appear to have researched more deeply into what institutions have to offer on their courses rather than rely on the hearsay and fashion which so often dictates the choices of school-leaver.

"More *often than not* the schools are completely on top of the subject but they know the parents wont wear their child going to a polytechnic rather than a university," he adds.

The sort of prejudice Mr Hig*gins catalogues reveals a smugness* with the *status quo* which should put parents on their guard when looking at a school — it might reveal a somewhat Darwinian attitude to career advice and general educational philosophy.

Although A levels and degree choices may seem a long way off, it is remarkable how fast little Jamie turns from a squeaky voiced third former into a thick-necked, blue-chinned creature with a yen to *tramp through South America*, before reading medicine.

On the other hand, Jamie may be expected to get the right A levels but he may not wish to go to university or polytechnic at all. Perhaps he wants to go straight *into a job — parents should* take a close look at the career advisory services offered by schools, and again it will be the schools where a broad spectrum of alternatives is offered that will come out on top.

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Sam Kiley

Higher Education Correspondent

DREAMING ABOUT THE VULGAR POLYTECHNICS AGAIN ARE WE, WILKINS?
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As an example of the prejudice by some private schools against polytechnics, Tony Higgins, the chief executive of the Polytechnics Central Admissions Council, tells the classic story of "Sophie" who was forbidden by her well-known independent school to apply for a polytechnic place.

Sophie was determined to go to Trent Polytechnic, but because her school was not in favour she had to get a reference from someone outside the school.

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Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter, looks at the dilemma of financial reform

Paying as you learn

The Government has been accused of many things over the last nine years, but a lack of direction has not been one of them. Now the most frequently uttered refrain throughout the educational establishment is that the Government seems to be formulating policy on the back of an envelope.

Vice-chancellors, polytechnic directors and educationists of every political hue increasingly take the view that the Government has lost its way in the woods of the financial reform of higher education.

It is one thing to dock the budgets of universities by 16 per cent over five years, and remove the polytechnics from the clutches of the local education authorities; it is quite another to come up with alternative ways of funding higher education which do not offend the principle of free education.

Baker: student charges?

This principle has been the accepted creed of the education establishment for the last 25 years, since the publication of the Robbins report into higher education, the bedrock of British education policy.

The universities and polytechnics have had their budgets trimmed and have been encouraged to look elsewhere for extra funds. The most obvious source is industry — and there has been a remarkable growth in the level of industrial liaison between colleges and the private sector.

The other source of finance is from the customer, the student. Though the Government is happy to hint that it would be a "good thing" if a few of the smarter universities went their own way and, as one minister put it, "milked the green wellie brigade for extra cash", it is not prepared to nail its colours to this mast.

No concrete proposals on university funding have emanated from the Department of Education and Science. Ministers prefer instead to sit back and see how the dabate develops.

Commentators might be forgiven for thinking that this *laissez-faire* attitude has rebounded on the Government following a recent exchange between the chief executive-designate of the Universities Funding Council, Sir Peter Swinnerton Dyer, and its chairman, Lord Chilver.

Lord Chilver stated unequivocably in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, that he was in favour of charging students the full cost of tuition. Sir Peter dismissed the idea out of hand.

Perhaps the debate has spun out of the Government's control.As the director of Oxford Polytechnic, Dr Clive Booth, says: "While it is important that we have public debate, the Government should produce a document that lays out the options available. We need to know what the Government is prepared to contemplate, so that if some ideas are completely offside we need not waste our breath on them."

> ‘Should the working-class taxpayer pay for the education of people able to pay for themselves?’

What is more likely, however, is that both Robert Jackson, the Higher Education Minister, and Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, would like to see universities and polytechnics raising funds by charging students (or their parents) extra.

The reason they are not keen to say so is that in 1984 rather milder suggestions from Lord Joseph (then Sir Keith) to means-test fees and charge parents accordingly, brought Tory back-benchers crashing down on their colleagues in front with savage ferocity, forcing a U-turn on the lady who was not for turning.

Radical Conservative thinkers, among them Mr Jackson, a fellow of All Souls, Oxford, see the existing income support grants and free tuition fees as "middle class" subsidies. A majority of students are middle class and they see no reason why the working-class taxpayer should pay for the education of a group of people able to pay for themselves. But Beckenham Man will not take kindly to a Government-imposed surcharge on educating his offspring.

Therefore, the DES has taken to what Dr Booth describes as "a mixture of leak, innuendo and kite flying" to try and get the universities to take the initiative.

Mr Jackson is privately rather proud of this ruse because he can make it look as if the Government has been drawn into administering fee surcharges by the universities.

As one vice-chancellor put it: "That way Mr Baker and his colleagues can get what they want at no political risk. They are terrified the whole thing might blow up in their faces. Far from lacking direction, they know what they are doing and are trying to pass a slippery ball to the universities. We shall try and pass it back again."

Sir Peter: dismissed charges

Lord Chilver: unequivocal support

Jackson: "middle class" subsidies

Bonjour to this French success

The sound of Stanley Goodman's pupils crying *"Bonjour, Monsieur"* when they meet him in the school corridor should be music to the ears of Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary.

Under the National Curriculum, the centrepiece of Mr Baker's education reforms, all pupils will have to study a foreign language between the ages of 11 and 16. In most cases that language will be French.

The significance of Mr Goodman's work is that he is pioneering a scheme designed to ensure that the five years of compulsory French is viewed with excitement rather than dread.

Essex County Council, which employs Mr Goodman, a 38-year-old father of three, as its first primary French co-ordinator, has encouraged links between its secondary school French teachers and their primary feeder schools around Epping for the last 10 years. Now, under Mr Goodman's guidance, the links are being extended to offer pupils in their final two years at junior school the chance to encounter Fench in an exciting way.

His team of seven teachers, based at St John's School, Epping, provide two lessons a week in each of the primary schools. They concentrate on verbal skills rather than the fine points of grammar.

"Our aim is to stimulate interest and enthusiasm," said Mr Goodman, who has been teaching since 1974, most of that time in secondary schools. "I find it extremely refreshing. They are so keen, so enthusiastic. And because they are so keen they seem to get on very fast."

From the pilot work already done, Mr Goodman is confident that taking French into the primary school will bring long-term benefits to the pupils.

When a group which benefitted from the earlier links with primary schools came to take their GCSE French exams this year, almost 60 per cent passed at grades A to C — equivalent to the old O-level. This compares to the national average of just over 40 per cent.

As well as conversation in class, with lessons concentrating on practical items such as learning words for everyday objects, the pupils will visit French towns such as Boulogne and Calais.

Mr Goodman said: "We had an open evening for parents and it was great to see the primary pupils showing off their ability to speak French to their parents."

Mr Baker would do well to take note of the success of Mr Goodman's work. If an hour a week can generate that kind of enthusiasm, there may be grounds for extending the scheme nationwide. Its benefits could also help confound critics who maintain that the National Curriculum will compel schools into a dull, unenthusiastic conformity.

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Six copies of applications, with full curriculum vitae and naming two referees, should be sent by 25th. November 1988 to Registrar's Department (Appointments), University of York, Heslington, York, YO1 5DD. Further particulars are available. Please quote advertisement reference number 1/6269.

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University of Sheffield

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University of Cambridge

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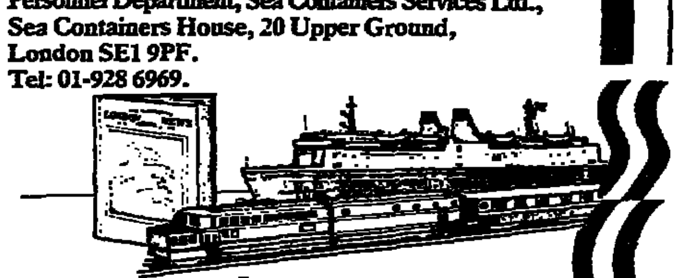

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Court of Appeal

Unilateral contract variation lawful

Lombard Tricity Finance Ltd v Paton

Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment October 27]

Although it was unusual, a contract could provide for its terms to be varied unilaterally by one party, in his absolute discretion, to the detriment of the other.

Where in a contract under the Consumer Credit Act 1974 a provision had been clearly made to vary the rate of interest at the lender's absolute discretion, subject only to notice, there was nothing in the statute or regulations which rendered such a contract unlawful.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved *judgment allowing* an appeal by the plaintiffs, Lombard Tricity Finance Ltd, from an order dated March 29, 1988, of Judge Heald in Nottingham County Court.

The judge had declared that an agreement dated October 10, 1985, made between Lombard and the defendant, Mr Martin Shaun Paton, did not comply with the requirements of paragraphs 18 and *19* of Schedule 1 to the Consumer Credit (Agreements) Regulations (SI 1983 No 1553) and was thereby not properly executed within the meaning of section 61(1) of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Stephen Morris for Lombard; Mr Alexander Hill-Smith for Mr Paton.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, giving the judgment of the court, said that in September 1985 Mr Paton decided to borrow part of the purchase price of an Amstrad computer, which he was buying from Currys Ltd, from Lombard. He entered a credit charge account, which was a species of running account credit as defined in section 10 of the 1974 Act.

The agreement was a regulated agreement within section 8 of the 1974 Act. In a box on the face of the agreement it was stated: "Interest charge (per month) 2.3 per cent. Annual percentage rate 31.3 per cent. Interest is payable on credit balance. Subject to variation by the creditor from time to time on notification as required by law."

That information was intended to comply with regulation 2 of the 1983 Regulations. Regulation 2(4) provided that certain financial and related particulars must be "shown together as a whole . . . and not interspersed with other information".

Mr Paton defaulted on his obligations. His direct debit payments ceased. The interest rate charged rose to 2.95 per cent. He made some payments and by November 9, 1986, the amount outstanding was £203.62.

On December 22, 1986, Lombard commenced an action in Nottingham County Court claiming *that* amount and interest and costs. The deputy registrar dismissed the claim and Judge Heald upheld the deputy registrar's decision but gave Lombard leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Section 127 of the 1974 Act provided, among other things, that on any application for an enforcement order the court might reduce any sum payable by the debtor "so as to compensate him for prejudice suffered as a result of the contravention in question". That was a most important feature of the 1974 Act.

Under the old law as to moneylenders it was in general all or nothing. Failure by the moneylender to comply with the law meant that he could recover nothing, however large the sum involved and however trivial his default.

The question here was whether the credit charge agreement complied with paragraphs *18 and 19 of Schedule 1* to the 1983 Regulations.

It was said that there was a failure to comply with paragraph 19, and thus a breach of section 61(1) of the 1974 Act, on the ground that the agreement did not state the circumstances in which a variation in the interest rate might occur.

The case for Lombard was that they were entitled to alter the interest rate from time to time at their absolute discretion, and that the only circumstance required was notice by them to the debtor, which was stated in the agreement. The judge had rejected that argument.

In general, it was no doubt unusual for a contract to provide that its terms might be varied unilaterally by one party in his absolute discretion, to the determent of the other. It would require clear words to achieve that result.

But in the instant case it was part of the background, matrix or surrounding circumstances that market rates of interest were known to vary from time to time and that some variation was very likely to occur during the lifetime of the agreement.

Bearing in mind all the considerations, on a fair reading of the agreement, it did provide that Lombard might increase the interest rate at their absolute discretion subject only to notice. A power to vary the rate was conferred in plain terms, and there was no other express restriction on it and there was *no sufficient basis* for any implied restriction.

The second question was whether such an agreement was lawful. At common law it was.

One could compare a contract for the sale of goods, of which Viscount Dunedin said in *May and Butcher v The King* ([1934] 2 KB 17, 21) "with regard to price it is a perfectly good contract to say that the price is to be settled by the buyer".

Was there then anything in the statute or regulations which rendered such a contract unlawful? Apart from paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the 1983 Regulations, it had not been suggested that any legislative provision rendered it unlawful.

It was accepted by both counsel, and the court agreed, that where paragraph 19 required a statement "indicating the circumstances in which any *variation . . . may occur*", that referred to a variation which the contract permitted, rather than to the circumstances in which a contractual power might in practice happened to be exercised.

The words on the fact of the contract here were sufficient to convey to the average reader of modest intelligence that Lombard had the right to vary the interest rate at will if they chose to do so, subject only to proper notification. There was nothing to suggest that their right was otherwise fettered or limited in any way.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya for Mr Ian M Harding, Enfield; Cruickshanks, Nottingham.

Widow's allowance is benefit to be disregarded

Pidduck v Eastern Scottish Omnibuses Ltd

Before Mr Justice Sheen

[Judgment October 27]

An allowance based on the husband's pension and paid by his former employers to his widow following his death in a road accident was a benefit within the meaning of section 4 of the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 and therefore the court had to disregard the allowance when assessing damges under the 1976 Act.

Mr Justice Sheen so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when assessing damages for the widow of a man killed in a motorway crash involving a bus operated by the defendants.

Section 4 of the 1976 Act, as amended by section 3 of the Administration of Justice Act *1982* provides: "In assessing damages in respect of a person's death in an action under this Act, benefits which have accrued or will or may accrue to any person from his estate or otherwise as a result of his death shall be disregarded."

Mr Oliver Ticciati for the widow; Mr Anthony Temple, QC and Mr David M. Harris for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE SHEEN said that the amendment had not defined "benefits". The word "benefits" was apt to include a *pension. If* Parliament had intended to exclude a pension that would have been made clear.

Before the death of her husband the plaintiff was dependent upon the pension paid to him. After his death she received support from the same source in the form of an allowance.

The only injury she had suffered was the difference between the monetary advantage to her of her husband's pension and the allowance she received from his former employer after his death.

It seemed to his Lordship that the widow was financially better off as a result of her husband's death but that was the effect of the 1976 Act, as amended.

Solicitors: Hughes Hooker & Co; Davis Campbell & Co, Liverpool.

Chancery Division

Striking out case within time limit

Wright and Others v Morris and Others

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment October 25]

Where there had been inordinate and inexcusable delay on the part of the plaintiffs and the defendants sought to have the action struck out for want of prosecution at a time which was still within the limitation period, there was no immutable rule preventing the court from exercising its discretion in the defendants' favour.

That was particularly so when the relief sought was the regulation of the parties' future conduct rather than damages for past injuries and where events had effectively overtaken the legal proceedings.

Mr Justice Millett so held in open court in the Chancery Division after a hearing in chambers, dismissing an appeal by Philip Wright, Clifford Victor Fish and Robert Michael Vaughan against an order of Master Dyson of November 13, *1987 ordering that the plaintiffs'* action against Christopher Morris, Christopher Raynor, John Raynor and John Chambers be dismissed for want of prosecution.

Mr Charles Purle for the plaintiffs; Mr William Birtles for the last three defendants; Mr Christopher Morris did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that in accordance with the usual practice relating to appeals from masters in the Chancery Division he heard argument in chambers. He was giving judgment in open court because the whole question of dismissal of proceedings for want of prosecution before the expiration of the limitation period was currently occupying the attention of the Supreme Court Practice Committee; so it might be useful for the committee to see the context in which such cases came before the court.

The writ was issued by three members of a former pop-group known as Paper Lace which had been very successful in the 1970s. They claimed that the defendants were performing under the same name and passing themselves off as the plaintiffs. They sought an injunction and an account of profits.

Mr Christopher Morris, the first defendant, was the fourth member of the original group, although since then he had joined the defendants' group and after much chopping and changing between them it was possible that he might switch sides yet again.

The writ was issued on November 19, 1984 in respect of a cause of action which arose in July 1983. It was conceded by the plaintiffs that there had been an inexcusable and inordinate delay in the proceedings.

There was, however, or so *they submitted, no risk* that a fair trial would not still be possible and no evidence that the delay had otherwise prejudiced the defendants. Moreover, the limitation period had not yet expired so that the plaintiffs could if necessary issue a fresh writ for the same cause of action.

Accordingly, they submitted, on the authority of *Birkett v James* ([1978] AC 297) this was not a case in which the court's discretion to dismiss the action for want of prosecution should be exercised.

In Birkett v James the House of Lords had held, *inter alia*, that a plaintiff whose action was dismissed for want of prosecution before the limitation period had expired was, save in an exceptional case, entitled to issue a fresh writ for the same cause of action; and that, *accordingly*, the *power to dismiss* an action for want of prosecution, other than in a case of contumelious conduct on the plaintiff's part, should not normally be exercised within the currency of the limitation period, when it could only aggravate the prejudice to the defendant from delay and add to costs.

Lord Diplock had said (at p322): "The fact that the limitation period has not yet expired must always be a matter of great weight in determining whether to exercise the discretion to dismiss an action for want of prosecution where no question of contumelious default on the part of the plaintiff is involved; and in cases where it is likely that if the action were dismissed the plaintiff would avail himself of his legal right to issue a fresh writ the non-expiry of the *limitation period is generally* a conclusive reason for not dismissing the action that is already pending."

But, his Lordship stated, those were clearly not immutable rules of law but general principles in accordance with which judges at first instance should endeavour to exercise their discretion under the Rules of the Supreme Court.

In the present case the plaintiffs submitted that quite apart *from the fact that the limitation* period had not expired the defendants had not suffered prejudice by the delay.

His Lordship could not aggree with that. The defendants had suffered from the continued uncertainty as to whether the *reputation into which they* were putting time and effort would enure to their own benefit or to that of the plaintiffs and they had been inhibited in the realization of their full commerial potential by the continued action.

In *Biss v Lambeth Health Authority* ([1978] 1 WLR 382) the Court of Appeal accepted that prejudice to the defendant might well result merely from having the action hanging over his head indefinitely. In his Lordship's judgment that was a far stronger case of such prejudice than *Biss* which was an ordinary claim for damages for medical negligence.

Furthermore, he did not consider it profitable to struggle to bring the present case within the strait-jacket of the guidelines laid down in *Birkett v James*.

The House of Lords was there considering an ordinary claim for damages. It was not called upon to consider a case like the present which was not concerned or not primarily concerned with compensating the plaintiff for past injury but with regulating the parties' conduct in the future.

In such a case it was seldom true that the dismissal of the action and institution of fresh proceedings by the plaintiff "can only aggravate, it can never mitigate the prejudice to the defendant from the delay". In such a case there was much to be said for allowing the defendant to be the best judge of where his true interest lay.

Furthermore, the plaintiffs *had done nothing at all except to* issue the writ. They had not even served a statement of claim.

The simple fact was that, because of the delay and all that had happened since the writ was issued, the present action was no longer a suitable vehicle for resolving the dispute between the parties. It had been overtaken by events.

Keeping it in being might give credence to the plaintiffs' claim that the question turned on what had happened in July 1983. Dismissing it would leave the parties, realigned in accordance with their new allegiances, to present their claims and cross-claims in the light of all that had taken place in the past five years.

While that was by itself not a ground for striking out the action its was a powerful reason *for exercising the power* to dismiss the action for want of prosecution occasioned by inordinate and inexcusable delay.

Solicitors: Schilling & Lom; Armstrong Spungin & Scott, Nottingham.

Effluent offences

Severn Trent Water Authority v Express Foods Group Ltd

Where trade effluent was discharged in breach of conditions contained in a water authority consent, a separate offence under section 32(1) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 was committed by each discharge of effluent, not by each condition broken.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice *May and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy*) so held on October 19 in dismissing an appeal by Severn Trent Water Authority against a decision of the Shrewsbury Justices to dismiss a summons issued against Express Foods Group Ltd.

MR JUSTICE IAN KENNEDY said that the respondents had pleaded guilty to one offence in relation to each discharge of effluent. They contended that in the case of one discharge there was only one offence whether one or a dozen conditions had been broken.

It was a simple question of the construction of section 32 – whether it created an offence of causing or knowingly permitting any trade effluent to be discharged *unless the conditions* were fulfilled or whether it created an offence of breaking each condition imposed.

The justices had been correct. The offence lay in discharge unless with or within the consent obtained under section 3

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Irish homosexual laws breach European Convention

Norris v Ireland
(Case No 6/1987/129/180)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges J. Cremona, Thor Vilhjalmsson, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, L-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, C. Russo, R. Bernhardt, A. Spielmann, J. De Meyer, J. A. Carrillo Salcedo and N. Valticos

Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment October 26]

The maintenance in force of legislation which prohibited male homosexual activity constituted a continuing interference of a person's right to respect for his private life as guaranteed by article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

An individual was entitled to contend that a law in itself violated his rights under the Convention — despite the absence of individual measures of implementation — where there was a risk of his being directly affected by that law.

Article 8 of the Convention provides: "(1) Everyone has the right to respect for his private and *family* life, his home and his correspondence.

"(2) There shall be no interference by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security, public safety or the economic well-being of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Mr David Norris, aged 44, was an active homosexual and had been campaigning for homosexual rights in Ireland since 1971, being instrumental in setting up the Irish Gay Rights movement in 1974.

In November 1977, Mr Norris sought a declaration in the Irish High Court that sections 61 and 62 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 and section 11 of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act 1885 were *constitutionally invalid.*

The first two provisions penalise buggery with a maximum punishment of life imprisonment. The latter provision punished acts of gross indecency between male persons with a maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment.

On October 10, *1980*, his action was dismissed. On appeal, the Supreme Court, by a majority decision handed down on April 22, 1983, upheld the High Court's earlier judgment.

In its report adopted on March 12, 1987, the European Commission of Human Rights expressed the opinion, by six votes to five, that there had been a breach of article 8 in respect of Mr Norris.

In its *judgment*, the European Court of Human Rights held:

I Whether applicant entitled to claim to be under article 25(1)

The Irish Government pleaded that, since the legislation complained of had never been enforced against the applicant, he could not claim to be a "victim" within the meaning of article 25(1) of the Convention which, so far as relevant, provided that "the Commission may receive petitions . . . from any person . . . claiming to be the victim of a violation by one of the high contracting parties of the rights set forth in [the] Convention . . .".

The Court first stated that article 25 might not be used to found an action in the nature of an *actio popularis* or a claim made *in abstracto* that a law contravened the Convention.

However, the Court saw no reason not to apply the test laid down in its earlier judgments in which it held that article 25 of the Convention entitled individuals to contend that a law violated their rights by itself, in the absence of an individual measure of implementation, if they ran the risk of being directly affected by it.

Admittedly, it appeared that the risk of prosecution in the applicant's case was minimal. However, there was no stated policy on the part of the prosecuting authorities not to enforce the legislation.

A law which remained on the statute book might be applied again at any time. Moreover, it was found in the national proceedings *that* one of the effects of criminal sanctions against homosexual acts was to increase the anxiety and guilt feelings *of* homosexuals leading, on occasions, to depression and the serious consequences which could follow from that unfortunate illness.

The Court therefore found that the applicant could be said to "run the risk of being directly affected" by the legislation in question and accordingly held that he could claim to be the victim of a violation of the Convention within the meaning of article 25(1).

II Alleged breach of article 8
A Existence of an interference

Mr Norris complained that he was liable to criminal prosecution on account of his homosexual conduct. He had thereby suffered, and continued *to* suffer, an unjustified interference with his right to respect for his private life, in breach of article 8.

The Court found that enforcement of the legislation was a matter for the Director of Public Prosecutions who might not fetter his discretion with regard to each *individual* case by making a general statement of his policy in advance. A prosecution, as the Court further found, might also be initiated by a common informer.

The Court therefore held that the maintenance in force of the impugned legislation constituted a continuing interference with the applicant's right to respect for his private life within the *meaning* of article 8(1).

B Existence of justification for the interference

The existence of an interference having been established, it was necessary to determine whether the maintenance in force of the impugned legislation was "necessary in a democratic society". To fulfil that condition, the interference must answer a pressing social need and be proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued, namely the protection of morals.

The Government argued that, while those criteria might be valid yardsticks for testing restrictions imposed in the interests of national security, public order or the protection of public health, they could not be applied to determine whether an interference was "necessary in a democratic society" for the protection of morals.

Within broad parameters, according to the Government, the moral fibre of a democratic nation was a matter for its own institutions and the Government should be allowed a degree of tolerance in its compliance with article 8.

The Court, relying on earlier judgments in which it had applied those yardsticks, rejected that line of argument.

While national authorities, as the Court acknowledged, did enjoy a wide margin of appreciation in matters of morals, their area of discretion was not unlimited.

The Court could not accept an interpretation of article 8 which would preclude it from reviewing a state's observance of its obligations thereunder in matters of morals. That would be contrary to article 19 of the Convention under which the Court was set up in order to ensure the observance of the engagements undertaken by the contracting parties.

In the Court's view, the Government had adduced no convincing evidence in support of the retention of the impugned laws. It was clear that the authorities had refrained in recent years from enforcing the law in respect of private homosexual acts between consenting *adult males*.

There was no evidence that that had been injurious to moral standards in Ireland or that there had been any demand for stricter enforcement of the law. It could not be maintained that there was a "pressing social need" to make such acts criminal offences.

Although persons who regarded homosexuality as immoral might be offended by private homosexual acts, that could not on its own warrant the application of penal sanctions when only consenting adults *were involved*.

Accordingly, the reason put forward by the Government to justify the interference found were not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of article 8(2).

There was accordingly a breach of article 8.

III Application of article 50

The applicant sought, under article 50 of the Convention, compensation for damage and reimbursement of legal costs and expenses.

As to the claim for compensation, the Court, having regard to Ireland's obligation under article 53, was of the opinion that its finding of a breach of article 8 constituted adequate just satisfaction for the purposes of article 50 and therefore rejected that head of claim.

As to costs and expenses, the applicant claimed that taxed costs of I£75,762 which he received in respect of the national proceedings, did not fully cover his actual expenditure. Those costs having been assessed in accordance with the law of Ireland, it was not for the Strasbourg Court to reassess them.

The applicant also claimed I£14,962 in respect of the proceedings conducted before the Convention institutions. The Court considered that the amount claimed satisfied the criteria laid down in its case-law and unanimously awarded that sum, less 7,390 French francs already paid in legal aid.

For those reasons, the Court held:

1 By eight votes to six, Judges Valticos, Golcuklu, Matscher, Walsh, Bernhardt and Carrillo Salcedo dissenting, that the applicant could claim to be a victim within the meaning of article 25 of the Convention

2 By eight votes to six, Judges Valticos, Golcuklu, Matscher, Walsh, Bernhardt and Carrillo Salcedo dissenting, that there was a breach of article 8 of the Convention

3 Unanimously, that Ireland had to pay to the applicant, in respect of legal costs and expenses, the amount of I£14,962 less 7,390 French francs to be converted into Irish pounds at the rate applicable on the date of judgment.

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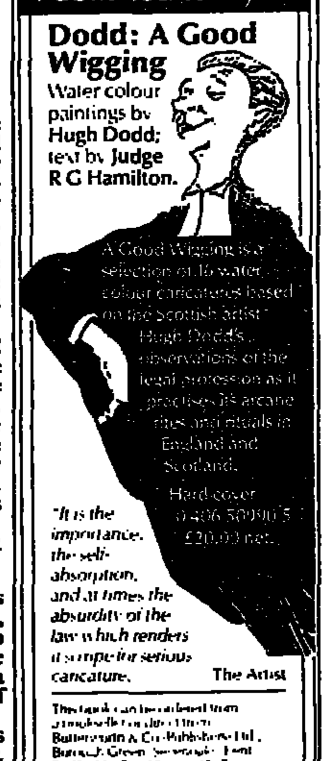

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RUGBY UNION: RETURN OF HALF BACK BEFORE BIG GAME LENDS ZEST TO HIS BACK DIVISION AND COMFORT TO HIS FORWARDS

Australians worry over their lack of staying power

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Midland Division	18
Australians	25

The Australians managed at last to lift a divisional scalp, though not without considerable difficulty, at a sunlit Welford Road, Leicester, on Saturday. The Midland body, deemed moribund by many of us before the start, showed a commendable aversion to being nailed into the coffin.

Victory by two goals, a try and three penalty goals to a goal and four penalties was not quite the convincing margin the touring side were seeking with their strongest combination on display one week away from the international with England.

"Nothing to write home about" was the flat verdict of Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, though he described as "an exceptionally good performance" the contribution of Lynagh, who was playing his first match since September 11, yet managed to lend zest to his back division and comfort to his forwards.

Though the Midlands could not emulate the feats of the other three English divisions, there was nothing to be ashamed of in defeat. Injury problems pursued them up to and during the game, since Richardson's hamstring injury did not permit him to play and Mosses became the fourth-choice tight-head prop; while Hackney, the Nottingham wing, strained knee ligaments just after a scintillating burst from his own 22 and departed early in the second half. He will miss the Combined England Students' meeting with the Australians tomorrow.

In the circumstances Mosses did immensely well in a scrum which never buckled, as I, for one, thought it might. The lineout was, predictably, a lost area for the Midlands, though there were far fewer than expected, largely because Cusworth assiduously avoided kicking to touch and the home forwards worked hard to spoil Australian possession and turn lineouts into driving mauls.

In this area Richards and his back row performed superbly. If anyone deserved his try on the stroke of time — wrenching his way clear of a maul — it was Richards.

It was, sadly, the only way the division seemed likely to cross the line since their backs lacked penetration: Cusworth tried to vary the length of his passing in the hope of catching the Wallabies on the hop but there was seldom a prospect of getting round the edges and insufficient guile in returning the ball inside.

Sadly, too, the Midlands contributed towards two of the Australians' three tries, by missing important tackles on Girvan and Grant. The third try was a glorious Campese-inspired counter when Thomas missed touch: the wing eluded Evans on halfway, sent two more defenders cannoning into each other, then threw a long ball to Grant, who sent the strong-running Girvan to the line.

Girvan, though his game was not error-free, may have played himself into the national side. Indeed, at one stage the Australians looked like discovering their best form of the tour when they converted a half-time lead of 12-6 into a 22-9 advantage. But at no time could they sustain their play at the top level, an inability which is worrying their management.

At the same time the Midlands, staring down the barrel of a 40-point hiding, deserve applause for sustaining their challenge and ending with a rash of tapped penalties which made the Australians look distinctly frayed at the edges.

Hodgkinson recovered from an uncertain start (he missed a penalty in the opening minute), to play a positive game at full back. His first two penalties gave the Midlands a 6-0 lead before Lynagh, after two early sighters, halved the deficit and then converted a try by Farr-Jones

That try, and a second penalty, came in the four minutes before the interval and the third quarter produced the best Australian play before the Midlands, rallying in front of an 8,000 crowd, blighted their fragile bloom of confidence.

SCORERS: Midland Division: Try: Richards. Conversion: Hodgkinson. Penalties: Hodgkinson (4). Australians: Tries: Farr-Jones, Grant, Girvan. Conversions: Lynagh (2). Penalties: Lynagh (3).

MIDLAND DIVISION: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); B Evans (Leicester), G Hartley (Nottingham), P Dodge (Leicester), S Hackney (Nottingham) (rep: C Jones, Nottingham); L Cusworth (Leicester, captain), S Thomas (Coventry); L Johnson (Nottingham), B Moore (Nottingham), G Mosses (Nottingham), J Wells (Leicester), M Bayfield (Metropolitan Police), P Cook (Nottingham), P Thornley (Leicester), D Richards (Leicester).

AUSTRALIANS: A Leeds; J Grant, B Girvan, M Cook, D Campese; M Lynagh, N Farr-Jones (capt); M Hartill, T Lawton, A McIntyre, J Miller, S Cutler, W Campbell, J Gardner, S Tuynman.

Referee: L Peard (Wales).

Ireland's cheer is muted as captains lead the suffering

From George Ace
Dublin

Ireland	49
Western Samoa	22

It was not a day for captains at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, although Matthews, who led Ireland for the first time, and Koko, the Western Samoa captain, made their mark on the game before injuries forced them to retire.

Koko, the right wing, did not resume after the break and Crichton, a hooker, replaced him. Matthews has a sprung cartilage in his rib cage, which will rule him out of the Ulster team to play Western Samoa at Ravenhill on Wednesday evening. Matthews retired eight minutes from the end, enabling O'Hara to win his first cap.

Another casualty was Dean, the stand-off half, although he did finish the match. He has a torn hamstring and is doubtful for Leinster's match against Ulster on Saturday week.

In a game which Ireland won by four goals, four tries, two penalty goals and a drop goal to three goals and one try, a crowd of 15,000 had plenty to cheer and an opportunity to show their displeasure at an Irish decision to kick instead of running a penalty wide on the 22.

The biggest cheer was reserved for Western Samoa when, trailing 37-6, they scored a marvellous try.

They surged forward with some hard running, superb passing and backing-up until they worked Young, the scrum half, clear on the right. He scampered over for a try at the flag, which Aiolupo converted with a magnificent kick. This was a touch of sheer magic and a tremendous roar of approval greeted the try and conversion.

Jimmy Davidson, the Irish coach, said there were some heartening signs "but that old failing is still with us: when we get a team on the rack we relax instead of turning the screw. It just is not good enough."

Two of the most heartening signs were the superb form of Aherne at scrum half, and Crossan's performance on the left wing. The zip has returned to Crossan's game after a rather listless period last season.

Judgement on the forwards will have to be withheld until stiffer opposition is met, although Smith, the hooker, seems to have booked his place for the international against Italy on New Year's Eve, irrespective of Ulster's preference for McDonald.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Kiernan, Matthews, Mullin, Francis, McBride, Crossan (2), Sexton. Conversions: Kiernan (4). Penalties: Kiernan (2). Drop goal: Sexton. Western Samoa: Tries: Koko, Young (2), Ah Kuoi. Conversions: Aiolupo (2), Crichton.

IRELAND: P Danaher (Garryowen); J Sexton (Lansdowne), B Mullin (London Irish), M Kiernan (Dolphin), K Crossan (Instonians); P Dean (St Mary's College), F Aherne (Lansdowne); T Clancy (Lansdowne), S Smith (Ballymena), J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderers, capt; rep: P O'Hara, Sunday's Well), D Lenihan (Constitution), N Francis (London Irish), W McBride (Malone), N Mannion (Corinthians).

WESTERN SAMOA: A Aiolupo; L Koko (capt; rep: Crichton), K Sio, Ah Kuoi, T Ugapo; F Saena, F Young; F Fatialofa, S Toomalatai, V Alalatoa, D Williams, S Lemamea, L Mano, N Ipull, T Sefo.

Referee: W Bevan (Wales).

Bland moves up for the kill

By Michael Stevenson

Cheshire	6
Durham	27

The final round of northern matches in the Toshiba County Championship established Durham as northern champions after victory over Cheshire by three goals and three penalties to a goal at Chester.

Chester's excellent playing area caught one's eye more readily than the early exchanges. Stabler was absent on police duty, Bland moving up from full back to stand-off half and casually kicking 15 points.

Cheshire's best performer was Hall, who came on to full back as a replacement after 20 minutes, when Bailes was injured and carried off after a collision with Dee.

Durham's 12-0 interval lead came from Bland's first two penalties and their first try from his only rank-bad kick. The ball was hooked well left of the posts and Cooke, the arch-opportunist, materialized from nowhere to score, Bland converting from touch.

On the resumption, Cheshire momentarily convinced the small crowd that it was going to be a real contest. Wernham, who had moved up to fly stand-off when Bailes was injured, ran the ball. A tap penalty was conceded by Durham and a deft scissors move made a try for Morrison, which Bruchez converted.

One break by Havery should have made a try for Evans, but the final pass was dropped. Another even more incisive run by Havery put Spearman in, after Bland's third penalty. Durham's last score was a pushover try by Dixon, Bland converting both.

SCORERS: Cheshire: Try: Morrison. Conversion: Bruchez. Durham: Tries: Cooke, Spearman, B Dixon. Conversions: Bland (3). Penalties: Bland (3).

CHESHIRE: M Wernham (Lymm); P Bruchez (Liverpool St Helens), P McNerlin (Birkenhead Park), A Irvine (New Brighton), S Plumb (Lymm); W Bailes (Birkenhead Park) (rep: M Hall, Sale), P Newall (Widnes); J Cairns (Birkenhead Park), R Allcock (Winnington Park), S Gill (Vale of Lune, captain), S Morrison (Sale), P McCrave (Birkenhead Park), K Quinn (Merseyside Police), P Billington (Bournemouth), A McGarrigle (Winnington Park).

DURHAM: G Spearman (Blaydon); O Evans (West Hartlepool), S Hames (Durham City), I Dee (Hartlepool Rovers), D Cooke (West Hartlepool); J Bland (Durham City, captain), S Havery (Gateshead Fell); G Naisbitt (Stockton), M Fenwick (Durham City), M Douthwaite (Stockton), A Harle (Gosforth), D Mitchell (West Hartlepool), J Dixon (West Hartlepool), A Brown (S [illegible] (Stockton).

Referee: M J Bayliss

Brothers settle a score at Franklin's Gardens

By Gordon Allan

Northampton	21
Cambridge University	28

"Plenty of movement, but too many errors for the purists" was how Northampton described their defeat by Oxford University last week. The same was true of Cambridge's win at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday, although a match with nine tries, some spectacular, should be nothing to grumble about.

Cambridge scored four goals and a try against a goal, three tries and a penalty goal. They had a small platoon of players unavailable for various reasons, and lost Glasgow, their goal-kicking wing, with a fractured cheekbone in the opening 10 minutes. But the speed of their backs, and an eye for the half-chance, pulled them through.

With Northampton it was a case of the forwards winning plenty of possession and the backs failing to make the best use of it. Too many passes were dropped or misdirected. Northampton stayed in the game largely because of blind spots in the Cambridge defence, in particular round the scrum, and because Cambridge's rucking and mauling were unproductive.

The Davies brothers, Adrian and Graham, were responsible for 20 of Cambridge's points. Graham scored two tries, the first from a break by Buzza, the second, in the last minute, when he gathered the ball from a kick by Hall just after Northampton had got up to 21-22. Adrian, who played for Neath in the Welsh Cup final last season, scored a try and kicked four conversions. Hall had a hand or foot in at least three tries.

Alston showed a good flanker's instinct with two tries for Northampton, one in support of a touchline run by Thorneycroft through some shadow tackling, the other when he was in attendance for a pass from Packman.

SCORERS: Northampton: Tries: Burns, Packman, Alston (2). Conversion: Steele. Penalty: Steele. Cambridge University: Tries: Pool-Jones, G Davies (2), A Davies, James. Conversions: A Davies (4).

NORTHAMPTON: P Moss; F Packman, R Glenn, C Burns (rep: P Ingram), H Thorneycroft; J Steele, D Elkington; B Cox, P Roworth, N Fox, P Alston, D Mason, D James, R Tebbutt, M Charles.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: A Buzza (Redruth CS and Hughes Hall); C Glasgow (Dollar Acad and Magdalene) (rep: S James (Monmouth and Hughes Hall)); *M Hall (Brynteg CS and Wolfson), A Davies (Pencoed CS and Robinson), G Davies (Pencoed CS and Magdalene); D Shufflebotham (Neath Tertiary and Magdalene), *M Hancock (Haversham GS and Hughes Hall); J Foster (Magdalen CS, Oxford and Robinson), I Singleton (Wycliffe and Homerton), S Wordley (Queen Mary's GS, Walsall and Downing), P Davies (Campion and Churchill), M Vickerstaff (Bishop Vesey's GS and Selwyn), A MacDonald (Gordonstoun and Hughes Hall), R Pool-Jones (King's, Macclesfield and Magdalene), S Ives (Campion and St John's).

Referee: S Campsall (Yorkshire).

*A Blue

Lining up: Lynagh back in the Australian line-up and about to put one over Midland at Leicester (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Villepreux bubbles over Bath

By Peter Bills

Bath	24
Toulouse	24

Pierre Villepreux smiled as he talked of the perfect rugby side. The one he had in mind was Bath. "Bath could be the perfect team because they have such forward strength," one of Europe's finest coaches said. "Their lineout organization was a lesson for us: they had such power in the scrums."

And the backs? Villepreux suddenly seemed seized by inspiration. "Give me three months with their backs and they would have the perfect rugby side. They lie too deep and have too much work to do to cross the gain line. We lie flat and let the ball do the work. If Bath's backs learned that way, they would be a formidable team."

The contrast in styles was fascinating. Bath, suffering early indignities worth two tries and an 11-3 deficit, reverted to type. They drove the ball on around the fringes and with immense forward pressure exacted three tries, quickly accrued by Egerton, Lee and Robinson, all from drives among the forwards and scrum half. An interval lead of 24-14 seemed conclusive.

Toulouse's possession had wilted as Bath closed up the game. But once the combative Masset discovered his stride, and when Lairle, a replacement, tightened the French scrummage, Toulouse got back into the match.

Codorniou ensured that they would capitalize on any opportunities arising. His breathtaking timing of the pass and extensive vision were a joy, not only for the crowd, which was generous in its applause of the French, but for his wing. Berty, released by Codorniou, created Canavy's try which levelled the scores.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Egerton, Lee, Robinson. Conversions: Barnes (3). Penalties: Barnes (2). Toulouse: Tries: Ougier, Cazalbou, Codorniou, Canavy. Conversion: Ougier. Penalties: Ougier (2).

BATH: A Lumsden; A Hobbs, J Bamsey, J Guscott, P Blackett; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, J Morrison, N Redman, A Robinson, J Hall, D Egerton.

TOULOUSE: J Dupuy; S Ougier, J-P Canavy, D Codorniou, D Berty; P Lecussan, J Cazalbou; G Portolan (rep: S Lairle), E Jamen, C Portolan, H Miorin, B [illegible], T Masset, H Lecomte (rep: E [illegible]

Scenery upstages the actors in play that fails to unfold

By Gerald Davies

Wales B	12
France B	18

Although some might argue that Parc de Pugh at Brecon was not quite the worthy ambience for an international game, it was the right place for this one. The marquees were up and the crowds surrounded the pitch. The banks of the Usk were splendid and the wooded slopes basked golden in the autumn sunshine. And the ladies disported themselves in the latest fashions.

Interest tended to wander that way, the match itself being so poor. The French were little better than the Welsh but they had the consolation of winning by two goals and two penalties to a goal, a penalty and dropped goal.

France were perhaps diluted because of other international calls and Wales because of the number of caps recently distributed, but this game will have served little purpose, so incredibly negative was it.

The first half ended with Lacroix having kicked a penalty, Clement having equalized with a dropped goal, and Roumat, the No. 8, having received a stiff warning, which was to have its accumulating effect later on.

Wayne Shelford, the New Zealand captain, who flew over from France in midweek as a guest of HTV's rugby programme, would have had a quiet, confident giggle had he seen the low level of attacking initiative taken by both sides, as he had found in the Neath-Toulouse match. In New Zealand they are light years ahead in purpose.

Here it was kick, kick all the way. France had a huge share of the possession in the lineout. Lacroix and Hueber showed nice touches but there was a general reluctance to do much more than use the boot. For Wales, it is better not to name any names apart from Budd, who added to his reputation.

Lacombe's try in the second half finished off a movement that had begun in his own half when he had gathered Clement's high kick. It was the best combined movement of the game, with the ball going through half a dozen hands. Lacroix converted this to add to his earlier penalty. Rees's penalty reduced the deficit just before Roumat was sent off.

Three scrums saw Wales attempt pushover tries. The fourth saw the No. 8, Jones, try to pick the ball up. They failed each time. The half backs had no role to play. Instead France, with 14 men, scored at the other end when at last Moseley won a two-man lineout, only for Cabannes to intercept and allow Tremouille to score. Lacroix added the extra point. On the final whistle, from rather scrappy tussling near the French line, Griffiths, the captain, scrambled over, Rees converting.

SCORERS: Wales: Try: J Griffiths. Conversion: D Rees. Penalty: D Rees. Dropped goal: T Clement. France: Tries: B Lacombe, P Tremouille. Conversions: T Lacroix (2). Penalties: T Lacroix (2).

WALES B: D Rees (Newbridge); R White (London Welsh), C Laity (Neath), S Davies, C Davies (Llanelli); A Clement (Swansea), J Griffiths (Llanelli, captain); M Griffiths, W Hall, P Edwards, M Budd, P Kawulok (Bridgend), K Moseley (Pontypool), H Stone (Cardiff), M Jones (Neath).

FRANCE B: J Bianchi (Toulon); B Lacombe (Agen), E Blanc (Racing Club, captain), P Tremouille (Toulon), D Faugeron (Brive); T Lacroix (Dax), A Hueber (Lourdes); H Chaboweski (Bourgoin), P Berbizier, L Seigne (Agen), L Cabannes (Racing Club), Y Roux (Toulon), T Devergie (Nimes), P Benetton (Agen), O Roumat (Dax).

Referee: K McCartney (SRU).

Bristol enjoy fun and frolics

By Bryan Stiles

Bristol	51
Coventry	9

This frolic in the sunshine gladdened the heart of Bob Hesford, the Bristol coach. It was just the refreshing 10-try tonic that the players needed to relieve the tension of serious league games which take a lot of the fun out of playing.

He even forgave their spasm of silliness late in the game, when they tossed aside basic principles, running in circles searching for openings which were not there. Knibbs did an "Ali shuffle" and, instead of handling, began dribbling the ball when direct, purposeful play would have brought a better reward. It was still a show that almost brought the house down; rugby with a smile on its face. The game could do with much more of it.

"Just listen to the laughter and the joking in the dressing-room; you don't get much of that these days with tough league games," was Hesford's response to a performance that brought victory by four goals, six tries and a penalty to a goal and a penalty.

Coventry, not unnaturally, did not see the funny side of it. Peter Jackson, the Coventry guru, suggested that Bristol could have passed 70 points if they had tried.

Coventry were without key players, but so were Bristol. Coventry simply crumbled after 20 minutes and their position as joint leaders of the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship indicates that there is a yawning chasm in skills in comparision with the leading division.

Coventry must hope that Saturday's display was an aberration which will not recur. But they did seem woefully weak at forward, which enabled Bristol to take the initiative after the opening sparring.

Hogg and Fairn exchanged penalties before thrusts by Woodman and Hogg won the position from which Harding dodged through to score in the 15th minute. With the Bristol back row controlling the loose, Hone crossed for two tries and Collings nipped through like a centre for another before Woodman collected the final try of the first half.

Hogg converted three to give Bristol a 29-3 half-time lead but he managed to add points to only one of the five tries after the interval, which came from Carr (2), Woodman, Davis and Hogg, himself. One of the biggest cheers was reserved for McKenzie, who ran half the length of the field for Coventry's consolation try eight minutes from the end.

SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Harding, Hone (2), Collings, Woodman (2), Carr (2), Hogg, Davis. Conversions: Hogg (4). Penalty: Hogg. Coventry: Try: McKenzie. Conversion: Fairn. Penalty: Fairn.

BRISTOL: H Duggan (rep: J Davis); J Carr, R Knibbs, D Thomas, D Woodman (rep: T Biggins); S Hogg, R Harding; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, M Skuse, A Blackmore, W Hone, P Collings.

COVENTRY: M Fairn; S Hall, J Graham, A Parton, L McKenzie; M Lakey (rep: K James), A Savage; G Jennings, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Stone, S Smith, C Hall (rep: G Sharpe), P Thomas, S Wright.

Referee: S K Trevithick (Cornwall).

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WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Wales B	12	France	18

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Cheshire	6	Durham	27
Dorset and W	12	Cornwall	38
Gloucs	26	Devon	3
North'land	18	Cumbria	22
Somerset	10	Berkshire	29
Yorkshire	27	Lancashire	18

NORTHERN GROUP

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Durham	5	4	1	113	60	8
Cumbria	5	4	1	90	71	8
Northumberland	5	3	2	84	71	6
Lancashire	5	2	3	68	79	4
Yorkshire	5	2	3	95	115	4
Cheshire	5	0	5	32	86	0

TOUR MATCHES

Bath	24	Toulouse	24
Ireland	49	W Samoa	22
Midland Div	18	Australia	25

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon	10	S W Police	14
Abertillery	12	Rosslyn Park	6
Askeans	21	Walsall	12
Bedford	16	L'borough	6
Bradford	10	Headingley	10
Bristol	51	Coventry	9
Ebbw Vale	20	Nottingham	7
Exeter	46	Tiverton	10
Fylde	25	Morley	6
Gosforth	15	Wasps	19
Halifax	21	Durham	21
Hartlepool	9	Wakefield	10
Huddersfield	9	Otley	48
Hull and ER	16	Wharfedale	29
L'pool St Hel	22	Roundhay	16
London Irish	12	Harlequins	16
Lon Scottish	13	Anglo Scots	11
London Welsh	14	Newport	29
Lydney	30	Tredegar	3
Maesteg	9	Swansea	16
Maidstone	11	Havant	7
Met Police	18	Birmingham	16
Middlesbro	9	W Hartlepool	19
Moseley	20	Cardiff	20
Newbridge	17	Gloucester	10
Northampton	21	Camb Univ	28
Northern	14	Alnwick	10
Nuneaton	8	Saracens	40
Orrell	10	Richmond	23
Plymouth Alb	23	Clifton	9
Pontypool	10	Bridgend	22
Pontypridd	21	Blackheath	6
Preston G	27	Aspatria	7
Rugby	59	Bridgwater	21
Sale	16	Sheffield	12
Torquay	[illegible]	[illegible]	62
Waterloo	48	Vale of Lune	7

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Glasgow Ac	16	Ayr	6
Hawick	6	Boroughmuir	26
Jed-Forest	6	Kelso	16
Melrose	14	Heriot's FP	20
Selkirk	3	Edinburgh Ac	9
Stew Mel FP	15	Glasgow H/K	13
Watsonians	6	W of Scotland	19

Second division: Corstorphine 12, Preston Lodge FP 6; Dalziel HSFP 10, Musselburgh 22; Dunfermline 27, Portobello FP 12; Gala 20, Currie 3; Hillhead/Jordanhill 14, Edinburgh Wanderers 7; Langholm 19, Howe of Fife 12; Stirling County 33, Kilmarnock 3. Third division: East Kilbride 13, Dundee HSFP 0; Gordonians 29, Clarkston 4; Greenock Wanderers 4, Aberdeen GSFP 6; Highland 16, Trinity Academicals 10; Morgan Academy FP 19, Biggar 3; Royal High 35, Haddington 7.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Bisley Office Equipment Southern Merit Table: Guildford and Godalming 10, Maidenhead 21; Marlow 16, Bournemouth 16; Reading 7, Henley 10. British Car Auctions Old Boys Merit Table: KCS OB 10, Old Guildfordians 36; Old Elthamians 0, Old Mid-Whitgiftians 50; Old Paulines 16, Old Haileyburians 18; Old Rutlishians 27, Old Millhillians 25. Fuller's Brewery Middlesex Merit Table: Centaurs 3, Old Kingsburians 34. Tandem Computers Seven Counties Merit Table: Sutton and Epsom 17, Southend 15; US Portsmouth 20, Upper Clapton 12; Woodford 10, Oxford 16. Club matches: Alton 18, Purley 6; Antlers 46, LFB 6; Ashford 3, Erith 31; Bacavians 18, Newmarket 6; Bancroft 10, Chelmsford 10; Bank of England 12, London Cornish 9; Barnet 6, Hemel Hempstead 11; Basildon 12, Old Edwardians 21; Basingstoke 38, Old Blues 35; Beaconsfield 38, Wheatley 0; Betteshanger 15, Askean Princes 0; Bishop's Stortford 20, Fullerians 7; Bognor 42, Harrow 0; Bracknell 18, Slough 3; Braintree 14, Biggleswade 21; Brighton 15, Merton 22; Buckingham 7, Northampton Crusaders 35; Cambridge 11, Romford and Gidea Park 26; Canterbury 3, Dartfordians 24; Charlton Park 39, Old Shootershillians 0; Chingford 20, Hendon 9; Chobham 15, Surrey University 19; Citizens 4, Lloyds Bank 3; Cranleigh 18, Chichester 6; Crowborough 10, Old Juddians 11; Deal 54, STC Footscray 11; Dunstablians 3, Old Elizabethans (Barnet) 30; Ealing 22, Lewes 9, East Grinstead 20, Haywards Heath 9; Eastleigh 9, Worthing 25; Effingham 3, Old Freemens 7; Farnham 3, Abbey 48; Esher 31, Penarth 10; Eton Manor 18, Wanstead 3; Feltham 17, Battersea Ironsides 7; Finchley 32, Brentwood 15; Folkestone 3, Thanet Wanderers 15; Gillingham Anchorians 10, Beckenham 10; Gravesend 10, Crawley 18; Hackney 13, Hampstead 10; Haringey 29, Old Haberdashers 7; Hastings and Bexhill 3, Dover 9; Hitchin 16, Shelford 18; Holt 4, Diss 7; Horsham 34, Hove 10; Ilford Wanderers 13, Thames Polytechnic 8; Ipswich 38, Old Cantabrigians 0; Letchworth 24, Huntingdon 6; Medway 3, New Ash Green 3; Mill Hill 12, Harlow 28; NatWest Bank 6, Lensbury 17; North Walsham 37, Kettering 6; Old Albanians 15, St Albans 10; Old Alleynians 58, London Hospital 6; Old Brockleians 3 Old Beccehamians 13; Old Caterhamians 0, St Francis 13; Old Colfeians 32, Tonbridge 3; Old Croydonians 4, Midland Bank 3; Old Emanuel 13, Westcombe Park 0; Old Gaytonians 13, Cheshunt 10; Old Meadonians 19, Old Cranleighans 10; Old Merchant Taylors' 20, Newbold-on-Avon 9; Old Reedonians 35, Shene OG 17; Old Surbitonians 8, Bec Old Boys 6; Old Tiffinians 20, Barclays Bank 4; Old Whitgiftians 9, Old Reigatians 16; Old Wimbledonians 7, Old Dunstonians 18; Orleans FP 10, Old Abbotstonians 7; Osterley 20, Civil Service 9; Oxford Marathon 12, Witney 16; PLA 15, Woodford 19; Portsmouth 18, Camberley 16; Redbridge 15, Enfield Ignatians 7; REME Arborfield 17, Phoenix 9; Richmond Thamesians 12, London Irish 14; Saffron Walden 4, Bedford Athletic 28; Sevenoaks 29, Shirley Wanderers 6; Sidcup 25, Solihull 10; Stevenage 11, Bicester 18; Stockwood Park 4, Tabard 38; Sudbury 41, Norwich 8; Sudbury Court 12, London Welsh 25; Twickenham 15, Dorking 12; Tunbridge Wells 10, Bromley 3; Warlingham 4, Old Walcountians 14; Welwyn 3, Bedford Wanderers 0; Winchester 8, Redingensians 18.

MIDLAND: Club matches: Alcester 12, Coventry Post Office 15; Barkers Butts 41, Banbury 34; Bedworth 28, Kidderminster Carolians 0; Belgrave 22, Kesteven 8; Birchfield 56, Pinley 14; Birmingham 17, Old Yardleians 9; Braintree 14, Biggleswade 21; Bridgnorth 20, Trentham 3; Dixonians 38, Loughborough 12; Coalville 7, Camp Hill 27; Coventrians 30, Milton Keynes 6; Gainsborough 16, Skegness 8; Hereford 30, Bromsgrove 0; Hope Valley 23, Belper 0; Keyworth 12, West Bridgford 8; Kings Norton 17, Stratford 6; Leamington 32, Tamworth 18; Leek 6, Whitchurch 37; Leesbrook 15, Dronfield 12; Leighton Buzzard 33, Newark 15; Lincoln 15, Mellish 6; Luctonians 19, West Midlands Police 0; Lutterworth 12, Keresley 10; Malvern 46, Kynoch 8; Mansfield 12, Matlock 18; Market Rasen 12, Wheatley Hills 8; New Brighton 14, Derby 6; Newcastle 24, Droitwich 0; Northampton Men's Own 3, Trinity Guild 0; Nottinghamians 4, Dronfield 17; Nottingham Casuals 21, East Retford 20; Nuneaton Old Boys 20, Atherstone 3; Old Griffinians 30, Warwick 0; Old Halesonians 4, Handsworth 4; Old Laurentians 16, Aylestone St James 31; Old Leamingtonians 12, Evesham 3; Old Longtonians 13, Crewe and Nantwich 11; Old Moseleians 5, Rugeley 3; Old Patesians 14, Pershore 6; Old Warwickians 0, Old Coventrians 40; Paviors 22, Rotherham 38; Selly Oak 3, Spartans 6; Sidcup 23, Solihull 16; Southam 18, Market Bosworth 14; Stafford 14, Cheltenham 6; Stamford 13, Syston 13; Stewarts and Lloyds 21, Ampthill 19; Stockwood Park 4, Tabard 36; Stoke Old Boys 59, Old Northamptonians 7; Upton-upon-Severn 3, Cryphens 3; Uttoxeter 15, Rubery Owen 6; Warley 7, Erdington 10; Wellingborough 32, West Leicester 0; Wigan 17, Wolverhampton 8; Willenhall 13, Ludlow 9; Wrexham 15, Lichfield 16.

NORTH: Yorkshire Silver Trophy: Second round: Airebronians 17, Northallerton 10; Bradford University 8, Yarnbury 34; De la Salle 15, Hullensians 19; Leeds YMCA 3, West Leeds 14; Phoenix Park 12, Halifax Vandals 3; Wensleydale 9, Knottingley 58; Wibsey 0, Hessle 6; Yorkshire Main 9, Old Otliensians 34. Club matches: Aspull 19, Oldham 4; Barnsley 22, Heath 0; Beverley 9, Stockton 6; Blaydon 7, Tynedale 21; Bradford Salem 9, Moortown 22; Bridlington 21, Old Hymerians 0; Burley 0, Baildon 44; Burnage 12, Rochdale 15; Consett 13, Ashington 9; Davenport 13, Sutton Coldfield 7; Dinnington 19, Old Modernians 10; Durham University 6, Sunderland 26; Gateshead Fell 34, Hartlepool 7; Hornsea 6, Hull and ER Spartan 26; Ionians 13, Castleford 21; Leodiensians 26, York RI 12; Littleborough 8, Blackpool 6; Malton and Norton 27, Goole 15; Manchester University 9, Manchester 13; Marist 22, Hull University 18. North Ribblesdale 16, Pocklington 0; Old Brodleians 6, York 9; Old Crossleyans 22, Mid-Cheshire College 4; Old Rishworthians 15, Stocksbridge 12; Pontefract 3, [illegible] 34; Ripon 12, Sandal 28; Rockcliff 7, Blyth 18; Roundhegians 9, Hemsworth 9; Ryton 6, Acklam 12; Scunthorpe 9, Huddersfield YMCA 8; Sedgley Park 37, Blackburn 18; Selby 22, Ilkley 0; Sheffield University 12, Sheffield Tigers 23; Skipton 13, Yorkshire CW 10; Southport 16, Chester 28; Thornensians 9, Driffield 3; Wath-on-Dearne 7, Danum Phoenix 9; West Park 12, Broughton Park 28; Westow 9, Kendal 29; Whitby 47, Darlington RA 8; Widnes 27, Merseyside Police 0; Wigan 17, Wolverhampton 8; Wilmslow 10, Birkenhead Park 4. Worksop 6, Doncaster 6.

WEST: Club matches: Avon and Somerset Police 21, Weston-super-Mare 16; Avonmouth 51, St Brendan's Old Boys 12; Barton Hill 13, BAC 6; Bath Old Edwardians 8, Chipping Sodbury 20; Bishopston 8, Walcot Old Boys 18; Bristol Harlequins 25, Wootton Bassett 3; Bristol Saracens 22, Bristol Telephones 6; Brixham 17, Newton Abbot 12; Camborne 24, Okehampton 10; Chippenham 18, Yatton 19; Cleve 12, [illegible] 38; Clevedon 17, Corsham 4; Cotham Park 16, Old Elizabethans 22; Dorchester 13, Bideford 8; Exeter 46, Tiverton 10; Exeter Saracens 16, Teignmouth 25; Falmouth 18, Devonport Services 31; Frampton Cotterell 18, St Mary's Old Boys 3; Frome 31, Wimborne 6; Gordon League 19, High Wycombe 16; Gordano 0, Dings Crusaders 17; Imperial 38, Southmead 0; Keynsham 26, Plymouth Albion 9; Keynsham United 15, Melksham 20; Kingswood 4, Ashley Down 18; Midsomer Norton 19, St Bernadette's Old Boys 7; Old Colstonians 4, Old Redcliffians 34; Oldfield 24, Old Culverhaysians 3; Penryn 21, Ivybridge 16; Penzance and Newlyn 12, Hayle 11; Perranporth 0, St Austell 47; Plymouth 28, Clifton 9; Sidmouth 16, Devon and Cornwall Police 6; South West Gas 7, Broad Plain 4; Stroud 29, Barnstaple 3; Taunton United 17, Old Richians 21; Thornbury 5, Old Bristolians 13; Weston United 40, Stothert and Pitt 6; Whitehall 14, Longlevens 9; Wells 17, Backwell 12; Yeovil 10, Frome Utd 4.

IRELAND: Ulster: Senior club: Collegians 8, Ards 19; City of Derry 3, Bangor 25; Dungannon 7, Instonians 32; Portadown 11, Ballymena 35; Queen's University 17, NIFC 12. Leinster: Senior club: Bective Rangers 17, CYMS 32; St Mary's College 22, Malone 30. Munster: Senior club: Highfield 12, Monkstown 27; Old Crescent 20, Wilder Park 8; Garryowen 22, Galwegians 3.

CRICKET

Late stand gives W Indies hope

Perth, Australia (Reuter) — A stubborn seventh-wicket stand between Roger Harper and Curtly Ambrose gave West Indies a glimmer of hope of avoiding defeat in their match against Western Australia yesterday.

Coming together with West Indies on 121 for seven in their second innings, a lead of 87, the pair battled on a treacherous pitch to add 43 runs without being parted and take the visitors to 164 for seven by the close on the third day of their four-day match.

Resuming their second innings with no runs on the board and already one wicket down, West Indies were soon in trouble. Following his five-wicket haul in the first innings and Haynes' wicket when West Indies returned to the crease on Saturday, Matthews removed Richardson for 15 and Arthurton for 18.

Alderman and MacLeay took one wicket apiece, as did left-hand spinner Hogan. So, too, did part-time medium pace bowler, Brayshaw, who claimed the wicket of Carl Hooper, who mistimed a pull and was caught by Hogan at mid-wicket.

Acting captain Gordon Greenidge played a couple of scorching drives in reaching 23 in 73 minutes before falling victim to the pitch.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings 213 (C L Hooper 88; C D Matthews five for 84).

Second Innings

D L Haynes lbw b Matthews	0
R B Richardson c Andrews b Matthews	15
C L Hooper c Hogan b Brayshaw	35
K L T Arthurton c Brayshaw b Matthews	18
†P J L Dujon c Veletta b MacLeay	24
*C G Greenidge c Zoehrer b Hogan	23
R A Harper not out	17
M D Marshall c MacLeay b Alderman	1
C E L Ambrose not out	22
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 2)	9
Total (7 wkts)	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-22, 3-57, 4-85, 5-114, 6-120, 7-121.

BOWLING: Matthews 14-6-35-3; Alderman 19-6-42-1; MacLeay 17-7-25-1; Brayshaw 9-0-34-1; Hogan 13-3-21-1.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Innings

G R Marsh c Richardson b Ambrose	27
M R J Veletta c Patterson b Bishop	11
T G Hogan c Harper b Ambrose	0
T M Moody c Greenidge b Ambrose	59
*G M Wood c Ambrose b Bishop	39
W S Andrews c Dujon b Patterson	15
J Brayshaw c Harper b Bishop	2
†T J Zoehrer not out	49
K H MacLeay c Richardson b Bishop	3
C D Matthews c Richardson b Bishop	0
T M Alderman c Arthurton b Ambrose	12
Extras (b 10, lb 5, nb 15)	30
Total	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-44, 4-151, 5-159, 6-159, 7-169, 8-179, 9-219.

BOWLING: Patterson 19-3-58-1; Ambrose 24.2-4-64-4; Marshall 19-5-54-0; Bishop 16-5-27-5; Hooper 2-0-7-0; Harper 6-2-22-0.

CYCLING

Go-slow fine is removed

From Peter Bryan
Melbourne

Eddy White, England's manager in the Commonwealth Bank Tour, listened in disbelief here on Saturday night to an allegation that he had "aided and abetted" the riders in Friday's go-slow tactics which disrupted the 90-mile stage from Shepparton to Bendigo and was halted by officials for 15 minutes.

The allegation, made in the commissaires' (referees') report after the 1,150-mile race ended in the seaside suburb of St Kilda, was accompanied by a fine of $Aus100 on White.

After riders and managers from many of the 16 teams protested that White had played no part in their decision not to take the opening mile at full speed an appeals panel quashed both the accusation against White and the fine. But the commissaires had the last word by declaring that only half the prize money originally on offer for Friday's stage would be paid.

Harry Lodge, of England, held on to his third place overall on the final day to finish six minutes 44 sec behind the winner, Marek Kulas (Poland).

RESULT: Stage 17: Bendigo to Melton (87 miles): 1, S Krawczyk (Pol), 3hr 14min 59sec; 2, B Riesenberg (World Team); 3, H Schumacher (WG), both same time; British: 8, M Gornall; 10, H Lodge. Stage 18: St Kilda criterium (18 miles): 1, M Karlowicz (Pol), 39min 21sec; 2, S Steward (Aus); 3, G Stevens (NZ), both same time; British: 9, Lodge, at 16 sec; 16, N Hoban; 17, Gornall, all same time; 59, C Sturgess, 1:33. Final overall result (after 1,150 miles): 1, M Kulas (Pol), 45:25:6; 2, C Zamana, at 3min 11sec; 3, Lodge, 6:44; 4, E Salas (Aus), 9:14; 5, E Poll (It), 9:40; 6, G Eckelbec (WG), 10:47. British: 18, Gornall, 34:25; 48, Sturgess, 2:17:30; 49, Hoban, 2:18:51. Team: 1, Poland 138:23:19. 8, England, at 2:04:23.

● Chris Boardman, Olympic team pursuit rider, who won the national hill climb championship at Nick o' Pendle, North Lancashire, yesterday, attributed his success to a diet he recently started (a Special Correspondent writes). "I have slimmed down from 11st 1oz to 10st 6oz in the past fortnight without feeling any ill effects", he said. Malcolm Elliott's course record, set in 1980, was reduced by more than five seconds.

RESULT: 1, C Boardman (Manchester Wheelers), 3min 29.2sec; 2, P Sheard (Bradford Wh), 3:43.0; 3, P Curran (Manchester Wh), 3:43.6. Team: Manchester Wheelers (Boardman, Curran, P Longbottom), 11:1.4.

SQUASH RACKETS

Bold Dittmar ousts Jansher

Toronto, (Reuter) — Chris Dittmar, of Australia, scored a big upset at the Canadian Open squash championships by beating world number one, Jansher Khan, 15-9, 15-12, 9-15, 15-5 in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Dittmar, the third seed, bodly attacked his top-seeded opponent at every opportunity. The victory was Dittmar's first ever triumph over Khan whose defensive strategy crumbled under the weight of the aggressive Australian's heavy shots.

Dittmar will meet Jahangir Khan in the final.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-12, 15-5, 15-12; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), 15-5, 15-14, 15-10; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Thorne (Aus), 15-6, 15-4, 15-10; C Dittmar (Aus) bt D Harris (GB), 15-5, 15-5, 17-15. Semi-finals: Dittmar bt Jansher Khan, 15-9, 15-12, 9-15, 15-5; Jahangir Khan bt Martin, 15-3, 15-6, 15-8.

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Capa to take advantage of lenient weight in Lingfield stamina test

By Mandarin

Capa, a well supported outsider in the Tote Cesarewitch, can recoup losses in the Elm Handicap at Lingfield Park today. He is my nap.

The Owen O'Neill-trained gelding found his form when winning his first race on the *Flat at Bath* 12 days before finishing a respectable sixth at *Newmarket* behind Nomadic Way.

He was 34lb out of the handicap in the Cesarewitch, but today he will be running off his correct handicap mark and is well treated. At Newmarket, Capa received 3lb from the runner-up Double Dutch, whereas today he gets 26lb, for a 4¾-length beating, from that rival.

Of his opponents I fear Cairncastle, who ran well under a big weight when *fourth* behind Ejay Haitch at Nottingham last Tuesday. That was a good performance as he was returning from a three-month absence.

Chaplins Club, who is attempting to become the first horse to win 10 handicaps in a Flat season this century, seeks to establish that record in the Falling Leaf Handicap.

The eight-year-old, who lines up for the 106th time, has little to beat in terms of quality but has to concede a large amount of weight to his moderate rivals. However, if *he has not* lost his form through his exertions he can prove equal to the task.

David Elsworth: trains the treble-seeking Turban (2.45)

Last time out the chestnut was an unlucky sixth behind Duck Flight at Newbury, where he was denied a clear run inside the final furlong. He showed then that he had not lost his sparkle, and that outing was only nine days ago.

Richard Hannon looks to have the answer to the Leisure Investments Burr Stakes with Gran Alba. Last time out in the *Horris Hill Stakes* at Newbury the colt was severely hampered and in the circumstances did well to finish only 3½ lengths behind Gouriev.

On his only other start he showed ability when eight lengths third to Shaadi, despite looking in need of the run. De Rivera, who shaped well on his debut when fourth *to Muthaiga, looks the likely* danger.

Bab's Moss, who ran well on his debut behind Folly *Foot at Salisbury, makes most* appeal in the Willow Maiden *Stakes division two, part two.*

David Elsworth is making the most of the opportunities for Turban, who retires to stud at the end of the season. The filly will be seeking a treble in the *Ken Butler Wines* Handicap.

At Folkestone last Thursday she carried top-weight to victory in fine style and she does not look harshly treated by the handicap this afternoon.

At *Leicester, Run High* can return to winning form in *Squirrel Handicap. Last time* out he failed to catch Santella *Bobkes in an amateur riders'* event at Folkestone four days ago.

Preben, who tackles handicap company for the first time in the John O'Gaunt Nursery, is favourably weighted. The Known Fact colt has run well in good maiden events and should find things a lot easier in this moderate contest.

The Bill O'Gorman-trained Miss Blitz can get off the mark in the first *division of* the Fleckney Maiden Fillies' *Stakes. Last time out she* was beaten two lengths by the highly rated *Labelon Lady* on this course.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD: 12.45 Desert Dancer. 1.45 Valfleury. 2.45 Solo Artist. 3.45 Sleepline Fantasy, One Liner. LEICESTER: 2.0 Five Star Affair. 3.0 Twenty One Red, Grey Admiral.

Indian Skimmer in top form for Breeders' Cup challenge

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Indian Skimmer excelled when sprinting eight lengths clear of Yachtsman in a mile workout on the Limekilns on Saturday. "She settled nicely and then quickened up well," said Henry Cecil. "She's in A1 condition and should take a lot of beating."

Cecil has already booked a pony so he can personally lead Shiekh Mohammed's *filly* onto the track at Churchill Downs on *Friday for her final gallop before* the $2 million Breeders' Cup Turf the following day.

Indian Skimmer is 7-4 favourite with Ladbrokes, who then offer 7-2 Sunshine Forever, the best grass horse in the United *States*, 6-1 Tejano Tango and 10-1 Infamy and Triptych.

Good news also came from Pulborough about Warning, who is to challenge *Miesque for* her title of world champion miler. "*Warning* worked *on* Friday," said Guy Harwood. "He'll have a *pipe-opener* tomorrow before being flown out on Tuesday. He's as well as he's been all season."

Warning has been installed at 5-4 favourite for the Breeders' Cup Mile with Miesque 7-4 and Ravinella 6-1. Mill Native, the winner of the Budweiser Million, is on *10-1*.

At Newmarket on Saturday Willie Ryan and Reprimand nearly gave their supporters heart attacks before landing the odds of 11-2 laid on the pair in the Fluorocarbon Marshall Stakes. It was only in the final stride that the jockey forced Reprimand past Royal Touch to win by a head.

"It was a falsely run race and *he only got going in the final 20* yards," said Cecil.

Greville Starkey and Harwood took the afternoon's principal two-year-old race, the Jennings Bookmakers Zetland Stakes with Mamaluna, who had disappointed behind Tessia in the Hoover Fillies' Mile at Ascot after an impressive winning debut at Chepstow.

"That was the plan," said a triumphant trainer. "We tried to make the running with Mamaluna at Ascot but the others were too sharp for her. *This distance* suited her much better."

The afternoon's good thing duly obliged when Dale Gibson rode Indian Queen to a two-length victory in the *Mail On Sunday* Series Handicap final. "This has been her objective ever since we brought her back from Cagnes-sur-Mer," said Willie Hastings-Bass.

Walter Swinburn was lucky to escape serious injury when Smithsonia broke his off-hind leg in the Hamilton Hill Stakes. *The fatal accident occurred 2½* furlongs from home when Swinburn was catapulted over the rails. "I hit them with my head," said the jockey. "It was lucky they were plastic or I would have been killed."

The victory of High Edge Grey in the Charlie Hall Memorial Pattern Chase was the *highlight of a high-class jumping* card at Wetherby. In gaining his third *successive victory of the* season, the winner took full *advantage of a last fence blunder* by the challenging 5-2 favourite Yahoo.

High Edge Grey will now attempt to repeat the 1979 victory of Fighting Fit in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup for that stalwart of Scottish racing, Ken Oliver. "He'll certainly go to Newbury," said the trainer, "and who knows, he might make a *Gold Cup* horse one day."

Visitors to the Yorkshire course may also have seen the winner of the Mackeson Gold Cup in Raise An Argument, who earned a 3lb penalty for the big Cheltenham chase when beating Jody's Boy by a head in the Wighill Handicap Chase.

The feature of an exciting afternoon at Ascot was some further inspired riding by Peter Scudamore, who landed a double on Afford and Bajan *Sunshine*.

Trainers react strongly to levy rate dispute

Mounting resentment against the bookmakers' position over the forthcoming 28th levy scheme was expressed by some of racing's professionals yesterday (*Michael Seely writes*).

"I think the bookmakers are just diabolical," said Guy Harwood. "They are completely out of order. Racing supplies the goods and gets damn-all out of it. The biggest myth is that they pay the levy. Of course they don't, they collect it from the punters. And the bookmakers keep back an additional £6 million for VAT."

Dick Hern showed his concern *even more succinctly*. "The bookmakers remind me of an owner of Bruce Hobbs'," he said. "He had a horse called Jacthelot and when he was asked why he named it that, he replied 'My name is Jack and I want the lot'."

The Horserace *Betting* Levy Board is asking for a continuation of the present rate of levy at 0.88 per cent, which it is estimated would yield £34 million compared with the £31.2 million which will be raised in *the present 27th scheme*. The bookmakers consider that this would represent a 10 per cent increase and their recommendations would effectively reduce the rate to 0.82 per cent. There is no chance of agreement by today's deadline, and the matter will be referred to the Home Secretary tomorrow.

Because of the disastrous acceptance of the *Betting and* Gaming Act of 1961 by the *rulers of the racing at that time*, bookmakers in this country are trading on extremely advantageous terms, as shown by their continually escalating profits. Their wilful refusal to deny a fair return to the industry from which they derive their livelihood is only highlighted by this latest dispute.

Australia set for big day of racing year

Empire Rose, a six-year-old New Zealand-trained mare who finished second in last year's Melbourne Cup, has been gambled *on* from 10-1 to 4-1 favourite to go one better this time.

The two-mile handicap, which carries a first prize of £328,794, is Australia's greatest race and has attracted 24 runners for this latest renewal. It takes place, as always, on the first Tuesday in November.

Kensei, who *defeated* Empire *Rose by 1½ lengths a year ago*, reopposes on 3lb worse terms, *but top weight will be carried by* Authaal, the 1986 Irish St Leger winner. Authaal is still owned by Sheikh Mohammed.

Two former English-trained runners, Natski and Shantaroun, previously with Luca Cumani and Michael Stoute respectively, also have excellent prospects.

Results from Saturday's four meetings

Newmarket

1.15 1, Reprimand (2-11 fav: Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Royal Touch (10-1); 3, Chadenshe (66-1). *6 ran.*

1.45 1, Mamaluna (9-1); 2, Prime Display (12-1); 3, Artic Envoy (6-1). Vanished Land 9-4 fav. 14 ran.

2.15 1, Indian Queen (11-10 fav: *Mandarin's nap, Michael Seely's nap & Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap*); 2, Constant Companion (16-1); 3, Eradicate *(16-1); 4, Summer Fashion (16-1). 22 ran.*

2.45 1, Shafood (14-1) 2, Positive Attitude (11-1); 3, Schhh You-Know-Who (4-1). Discord 2-1 fav. 22 ran.

3.20 1, Rambushka (3-1 fav); 2, Ostora (11-2); 3, Taffia (16-1). 29 ran. NR: D'yquem.

3.50 1, Another Marsh (7-2 fav); 2, Kai (33-1); 2, *Runnett For Cash* (12-1); 3, Breezy Sailor (25-1). 23 ran.

4.20 1, Lazy Lagoon (10-1); 2, Beauchamp Cactus (3-1); 3, *Army Of Stars* (5-1). Sharp Shape 7-4 fav. 14 ran.

Ascot

1.0 1, Pantomime Prince (13-8 fav); 2, Skygrange *(15-2); 3, Fred The Tread* (10-1). *11 ran.*

1.35 1, Afford (2-1 jt-fav); 2, Seven Of Diamonds (11-1); 3, Jubail (2-1 jt-fav). 13 ran.

2.5 1, Vodkatini *(8-1)*; 2, Royal Stag (Evens fav); 3, Warner For Leisure (9-2). 6 ran.

2.35 1, Bajan Sunshine (15-8 jt-fav); 2, Sun Rising (6-1); 3, Acarine (15-8 jt-fav). 4 ran.

3.5 1, Duke's Whistle (11-2); 2, I'll Do The Jokes (11-4); 3, Gaelic Frolic (10-1). The Pursewarden 8-11 *fav*. 7 ran.

3.35 1, Imadyne (9-4 fav); 2, Copse And Robbers (9-2); 3, Jay-Dee-Jay (12-1); 4, Fingers Crossed (8-1). 17 ran.

Wetherby

1.30 1, Royal Derbi (7-2); 2, Al Ascot (13-8 fav); 3, Senator Snugfit (6-1). 25 ran.

2.0 1, Macusla (4-1); 2, Wejchark (3-1); 3, Worthy Light (12-1). *De-Gys Daughter* 11-10 fav. 5 ran.

2.30 1, High Edge Grey (13-2); 2, Yahoo (5-2 fav); 3, Handy Trick (100-30). 10 ran.

3.0 1, Fieldom (10-1); 2, Tinas Lad (13-2); 3, Regal Reform (6-1). Fish Quay 100-30 fav. 14 ran.

3.30 1, Raise An Argument (7-1); 2, Jody's Boy (9-2); 3, Knockelly Castle (8-1). Yeoman Broker 11-10 fav. 6 ran.

4.5 1, Brockane Grey (14-1); 2, *Glass* Mountain (5-4 fav); 3, Tewit Castle (4-1). 17 ran.

Worcester

1.15 1, *My Darya* (6-1); 2, *Intrepid Lad* (8-1); 3, The Bachelor (33-1). On Her Toes 4-1 fav. 15 ran.

1.45 1, Waterloo Boy (13-2); 2, Acclaim (12-1); 3, Stonehenge (28-1). Abbeybraney *6-4 fav. 13 ran.*

2.15 1, Assaglawi (9-2); 2, Winter Haven (8-1); 3, Little Toro (11-1). Piracy 7-2 fav. 12 ran.

2.45 1, Steeple View (6-1); 2, Loddon Lad (100-30); 3, Majestic Buck (15-8 fav). 10 ran. NR: Court Rapier.

3.15 1, Wyford (4-1 fav); 2, Kingtor (12-1); 3, *General Joy* (13-2). 18 ran.

3.45 1, Decided (4-5 fav); 2, Five Corners *(7-1)*; 3, *Directly* (6-1). 19 ran.

● Jimmy Lorenzo, trained by *Jonathan Sheppard and ridden* by Graham McCourt, won the *£67,204 Breeders' Cup Chase* at Fair Hill, Maryland, on Saturday. *Steve Smith Eccles* finished sixth on Rio Claro

● John *Dunlop's* Highland Chieftain and Dark Singer both finished second *in* Milan on Saturday. Stop Day, also trained *by Dunlop*, and Ben Hanbury's Frozen Flower were eighth and twelfth in Rome yesterday.

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
H Cecil	112	76	37	1	-54.69
M Stoute	96	69	56	2	-22.26
B Hills	92	79	67	1	-38.02
L Cumani	73	61	39	2	-36.85
J Berry	70	55	50	15	-45.45
G Harwood	69	56	30	1	-57.92
J Dunlop	64	64	77	7	-103.12
M H Easterby	63	48	50	5	-149.98
R Whitaker	48	60	47	8	-159.82
M Brittain	44	40	42	11	-299.00
R Hannon	43	34	51	11	-199.75

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
Pat Eddery	182	127	96	2	+25.57
W Carson	129	99	84	3	-120.59
M Roberts	121	119	81	11	-18.95
R Cochrane	119	98	88	1	-124.81
S Cauthen	104	86	52	2	-198.59
M Birch	93	60	78	3	-140.63
W R Swinburn	86	78	69	6	-175.10
J Reid	76	63	88	3	-7.56
M Hills	75	74	78	0	-106.81
G Duffield	75	71	72	22	-266.95
B Raymond	74	62	66	5	-87.68

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Guide to our in-line racecard

133 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ...... B West

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.15 Trowbridge.
12.45 Exbourne.
1.15 Polar Boy.
1.45 CAPA (nap).
2.15 Gran Alba.
2.45 Turban.
3.15 Bab's Moss.
3.45 Chaplins Club.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

12.15 Social Butterfly.
12.45 —
1.15 Blue Mandolin.
1.45 Sweet Enough.
2.15 Alhathaf.
2.45 Plausible.
3.15 Priory Bay.
3.45 One Liner.

By Michael Seely

1.15 Blue Mandolin. 1.45 CAPA (nap). 2.45 Turban.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.45 CAPA.

Going: good to soft Draw: 6f-7f 140yd, high numbers best

12.15 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 1: 2-Y-O: £1,942: 7f) (16 runners)

3	(3)	0	ALL SHOOK UP 10 (Mrs S Rudolf) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	W Newnes	—
4	(15)	0	AL SKEET 32 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0	J Reid	—
11	(1)	0	COME HALLEY 13 (Ligvale Ltd) R Boss 9-0	J Williams	—
15	(4)	0	DATELINE AVALON 13 (J Sung) W Jarvis 9-0	B Raymond	90
20	(14)		GUNBOAT (B Burrough) K Brassey 9-0	N Adams	—
21	(8)	0	KEMOSABE 11 (Howard Kaskel) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	93
29	(6)	0	STATE BANK 16 (Ellis And Roukin Limited) M Ryan 9-0	P Bloomfield	96
31	(5)		TROWBRIDGE (J Brody) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
32	(10)	65	VELTION 145 (Mrs H Cambanis) John FitzGerald 9-0	G Baxter	98
40	(8)		HAEBEH (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
43	(16)	400000	MONTEXIN'S LADY 12 (J Thomas) H Collingridge 8-9	M Rimmer	23
46	(7)	6	PROPERS 14 (K Butler & Co Ltd) P Mitchell 8-9	S Whitworth	● 99
47	(12)	000	RED HOT LADY 67 (I Rosenberg) R Voorspuy 8-9	B Rouse	81
48	(13)	0	SOCIAL BUTTERFLY 14 (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	86
50	(11)	00	STARBLYN 35 (Visual Identity) S Dow 8-9	W Ryan	80
51	(2)	0	SUMMIT REACHED 14 (M Young) R Williams 8-9	T Quinn	—

BETTING: 2-1 Haebeh, 11-4 Trowbridge, 5-1 Al Skeet, 13-2 Kemosabe, 8-1 Veltion, 12-1 State Bank, 14-1 others.

FORM AL SKEET was in need of the outing *when 18th of 26 to Pirate Army in a 7f* maiden at Newmarket.

TROWBRIDGE related to winners in the States. From a stable that does well here with back-end youngsters.

HAEBEH related to winners in the States.

PROPERS ran a fair race when needing the outing to finish 8th behind Dazzling Heights at Leicester in a similar event.

Selection: PROPERS

12.45 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 2: 2-Y-O: £1,909: 7f) (17 runners)

3	(1)	0	CONWAY FLYER 14 (J Conway) M Francis 9-0	I Johnson	—
5	(12)	000	DESERT DANCER 31 (B) (R Patel) R Hoad 9-0	G Baxter	—
7	(7)	00	DR ZEVA 21 (G Butterfield) J Jenkins 9-0	N Day	—
8	(11)	00	EVENING RAIN 21 (G Moore) M Prescott 9-0	C Nutter	—
9	(6)		EXBOURNE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
12	(17)	00	JADEITE 69 (A Foustok) R Boss 9-0	G Carter	—
15	(10)		LIGHTOWLER (Mrs P Lemos) G Lewis 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
16	(13)	5000	LOMBARD LAD 32 (T Parrett) M Haynes 9-0	B Raymond	—
22	(14)	020	RESPECTABLE JONES 11 (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	96
24	(2)	6	SALMONID 11 (Binfield Manor Farms) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	● 99
31	(6)	60	*VICTORY LANE 9 (L Tarrant) R Hannon 9-0*	B Rouse	82
32	(15)	0	VITE VITE 66 (Mrs S Powell) J Sutcliffe 9-0	J Reid	—
34	(3)		BRIDAL RUN (A F Budge Ltd) R Williams 8-9	M Hills	—
35	(16)	0	CAERLEON'S EDGE 53 (R Cheesewright) P Mitchell 8-9	S Whitworth	—
39	(8)	00	ITS COCO 98 (Miss T Stone) R Akehurst 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
42	(9)	00	*NUN SO RED 48 (T McCarthy) M Fetherston-Godley 8-9*	N Howe	—
43	(4)	00	PRECOCIOUSLY 76 (Mrs G Goodman) S Dow 8-9	T Williams	—

BETTING: 4-5 Exbourne, 9-2 Salmonid, 5-1 Bridal Run, 10-1 Lightowler, 14-1 Evening Rain, Jadeite, 20-1 others.

FORM *CONWAY FLYER out the back behind* Folly Foot at Chepstow when starting slowly and will have to improve considerably.

EVENING RAIN yet to play a serious part.

EXBOURNE cost $140,000, a half-brother to three *winners, notably Top Socialite. He is from a stable* that does well with their youngsters on this track.

JADEITE has needed his two outings and did not help his cause when slowly away on last start.

RESPECTABLE JONES did well when 3l 2nd to Timourtash at Goodwood. Recently failed to show that form when 8th behind River Dove with SALMONID in 6th.

Selection: SALMONID

1.15 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div I, part 2: 2-Y-O: £1,942: 7f) (15 runners)

1	(9)	56	ACCESSOFHORNCHURCH 14 (BF) (Miss D Williams) R Boss 9-0	Paul Eddery	91
2	(10)		AL HANASH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	—
6	(12)		BASHKIROV (Amerigroup Bloodlines) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
7	(15)		*BLUE GRIT (A F Budge Ltd) R Williams 9-0*	M Hills	—
8	(11)		CARLINGFORD (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
14	(14)	03	CURTAIN CALL 30 (A Hobbs) P Makin 9-0	G Baxter	87
17	(4)		FLOCKTON'S OWN (I Flockton) J Shaw 9-0	B Raymond	—
24	(1)		POLAR BOY (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	—
28	(6)	63	SHORT SHOT 10 (I Kramer) W Hastings-Bass 9-0	Dale Gibson (5)	92
30	(5)		TIKASWOOD (Miss A Healy) A Ingham 9-0	J Curant	—
33	(7)	02	*AMADORA 14 (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 8-9*	J Reid	● 99
34	(2)	3	BLUE MANDOLIN 10 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	94
39	(13)	0	GHASSANAH 32 (Sheikh Dahlawi) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	W Newnes	—
41	(8)	00	KALZAO 14 (M Whitelock) M Prescott 8-9	C Nutter	73
52	(3)	00	YELLOW RING 9 (H Mould) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	W Hood	—

BETTING: 11-4 *Amadora*, 7-2 *Polar Boy*, 4-1 Carlingford, 8-1 Short Shot, 12-1 Accessofhornchurch, Curtain Call, 14-1 others.

FORM ACCESSOFHORNCHURCH was 6th behind Normhurst (levels) in a auction *at Hamilton. Will need to improve considerably* today.

CARLINGFORD has to be respected, from a stable that does well in these events.

CURTAIN CALL stayed on behind Timourtash (levels) at Goodwood in a 6f mdn.

POLAR BOY by Northern Baby and is the first foal of a dam that never raced, however has to be respected coming from the Cecil stable.

SHORT SHOT, from a stable in-form, kept on behind *Greensmith in a good contest at Doncaster over 7f.*

AMADORA was caught close home by Dazzling Heights in a 7f mdn at Leicester.

BLUE MANDOLIN may have been unlucky when failing to get an opening when 3rd beaten nk and sh hd *behind Hall Of Mirrors in 7f event at Doncaster.*

Selection: SHORT SHOT

1.45 ELM HANDICAP (£2,730: 2m) (20 runners)

1	(13)	112022	DOUBLE DUTCH 16 (G) (L Fuller) *Miss B Sanders* 4-9-10	W Newnes	82
2	(16)	02124	CAIRNCASTLE 6 (D,F) (Greenland Park) R Williams 3-9-7	M Hills	80
3	(3)	5-04000	NORTHERN ALLIANCE 15 (F,S) (Mrs A Jodd) G Lewis 4-9-6	Paul Eddery	80
6	(15)	3-16000	KHETA KING 21 (C,BF,F,G,S) (Sir G Brunton) W H-Bass 5-9-1	Dale Gibson (5)	80
7	(1)	100030/-	INTUITION 228J (S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 6-9-1	Ron Hillis (5)	—
9	(2)	0004-60	TEMPERABLE 10 (B,D,G) (Advanced Technology UK) M Tompkins 4-9-0	J Reid	80
11	(18)	353421	SWEET ENOUGH 21 (F) (R Richards) C Brittain 3-9-0	B Raymond	80
13	(8)	0	*ROSSBOROUGH 55 (G,S) (Mrs C Leeson)* R Voorspuy 7-8-10	NON-RUNNER	—
15	(9)	462306	BYWELL LAD 20 (F) (Mrs I Evans) R Curtis 3-8-9	M Marshall (5)	80
16	(19)	553240	CAMPING OUT 20 (Mrs J Hoad) R Hoad 3-8-7	G Baxter	80
18	(10)	000	BUZANCHAR 98 (J Khan) D Elsworth 3-8-6	B Rouse	—
19	(5)	4/500/0-	SAINTLY LAD 574 (P Cundell) P Cundell 5-8-6	J Williams	—
20	(12)	05-0056	THE REFRIGERATOR 14 (S Morris) L Cottrell 4-8-4	I Johnson	80
21	(7)	506/000-	FINAL ALMA 241J (Mrs P Isaacs) P Mitchell 5-8-3	S O'Gorman (5)	—
22	(20)	000-0	CHARISMATIC 14 (H Standiffe) P Cundell 4-8-2	N Adams	—
24	(11)	1-24006	GUNNER MAC 21 (CD,S) (F McHale) N Bycroft 5-8-0	G Carter	80
25	(14)	601305	FOURTH LAD 55 (CD,F) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 4-7-13	D McKay	80
26	(4)	014500	*VALFLEURY 29 (V,S) (C Wright) D Laing 3-7-13*	T Williams	80
27	(6)	0/-30416	CAPA 16 (G) (G Keary) O O'Neill 8-7-12	S Dawson	● 99
30	(17)	0-3000	OCKY'S FLIER 21 (B) (Mrs S Walters) N Kernick 4-7-10	R Street	80

BETTING: 2-1 Capa, 4-1 Double Dutch, 5-1 Cairncastle, 6-1 Sweet Enough, 8-1 Gunner Mac, 10-1 Fourth Lad, 12-1 Kheta King, 16-1 others.

FORM DOUBLE DUTCH failed by a neck in *the Cesarewitch behind Nomadic* Way (gave 5lb) with CAPA (rec 2lb) 5th beaten 4¾l (he has an outstanding chance at the weights today).

CAIRNCASTLE returned after a three month break to finish 4th behind Ejay Haitch last week at Nottingham. He has useful form and looks the danger.

SWEET ENOUGH, has shown signs of temperament, stayed on well to win by 1l from Green Archer (rec 13lb) over 2m 1f at Pontefract.

BYWELL LAD stayed on in same place when 6th *behind Silks Domino over 1½m in moderate h'cap.*

FOURTH LAD stayed on when 5th in amateur event at Chepstow won by San Carlos (gave 3lb).

Selection: CAPA

2.15 LEISURE INVESTMENTS BURR STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £7,804: 7f 140yd) (7 runners)

1	(7)	13212	ALHATHAF 46 (D,BF,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	B Raymond	● 99
2	(5)	4	DE RIVERA 16 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	80
3	(3)	3211	FOLLY FOOT 14 (D,G,S) (Mrs J de Rothschild) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	88
4	(1)	35	GRAN ALBA 11 (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	94
6	(2)	30	METHANO 87 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11	W R Swinburn	68
7	(4)		*ON THE BEND (Miss D Macken) R Simpson 8-11*	M Gallagher	—
10	(6)	600060	DOUBLE HANDFULL 9 (J Rowland) P Arthur 8-6	W Ryan	—

BETTING: 5-2 Alhathaf, 3-1 Folly Foot, 7-2 De Rivera, 5-1 Gran Alba, 10-1 Methano, 25-1 others.

FORM ALHATHAF no chance with Out Run (rec 17lb) when beaten 1½l at Yarmouth.

DE RIVERA was weak in the market when 4th *beaten 3l by Muthaiga (levels)* at Newmarket over 7f.

FOLLY FOOT won a strongly contested graduation race by 1½l from Early Breeze (rec 14lb) over 7f at Chepstow.

GRAN ALBA did not have the clearest of runs when 5th behind Gouriev in the 7f Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury.

METHANO ran well on his debut when 3rd to Akid at *Ascot, but disappointed in maiden at Newmarket on* his next outing.

Selection: *FOLLY FOOT*

2.45 KEN BUTLER WINES HANDICAP (£3,208: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1	(3)	00200-0	BLENDERS CHOICE 9 (D,F) (M O'Connor) J King 6-9-13	B Raymond	90
2	(7)	350542	CASTLE CLOWN 18 (V,S) (Lady Mary Mumford) Lady Herries 3-9-8	J Reid	94
4	(6)	3530-00	*MALAMAIN 184 (N Norton) R Akehurst 4-9-4*	*Ron Hillis (5)*	91
5	(12)	042011	TURBAN 4 (D,G,S) (R J McCreery) D Elsworth 3-9-8 (5ex)	S Dawson	● 99
6	(15)	2301-00	CEDESA 4 (F) (J Livock) J Jenkins 4-9-3	J Williams	86
7	(4)	022510	PLAUSIBLE 56 (S) (F Judson) A Hide 3-9-3	W Ryan	95
8	(11)	1563	SOLO ARTIST 12 (B,S) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 3-9-2	N Day	97
9	(5)	133133	*WYKEHAMIST 28 (CD,G,S) (M Collins) C Benstead 5-9-2*	W R Swinburn	95
14	(10)	014541	SCHROT HANDLER 14 (B,D,S) (D Gallyer) R Hannon 3-8-12 (5ex)	B Rouse	98
15	(4)	00050	FRESH FROM VICTORY 4 (P Deal) H Candy 4-8-11	W Newnes	87
19	(2)	350000	GABISH 16J (F) (C Steward) R Hoad 3-8-8	G Baxter	97
23	(14)	052260	STONEBROKER 19 (D,G) (Edwards and Cartwright) D Haydn Jones 6-8-7	N Adams	95
27	(9)	80105-0	*AGAINST ALL ODDS 6 (D,G) (A Goodjohn) J Pearce 4-8-3*	T Williams	83
28	(1)	4430-00	FUSION 42 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 4-8-3	J Curant	97
29	(13)	000411	HASTY SARAH 53J (D,F,G) (R Meredith) W Brooks 4-8-2	T Quinn	97

BETTING: 4-1 Turban, 9-2 Schrot Handler, 5-1 Castle Clown, 11-2 Plausible, 7-1 Hasty Sarah, 8-1 Stonebroker, 12-1 Wykehamist, 14-1 others.

FORM CASTLE CLOWN has found his form again when 2nd beaten 5l by Whipp's Cross in 1m 2f h'cap. Has a lot of weight today.

TURBAN is in good form after winning at Folkestone last Thursday under top-weight by 4l from Just Too *Brave (rec 15lb). She will take all the beating today.*

PLAUSIBLE won a claimer in good style at Ripon in August.

SOLO ARTIST won a maiden at Hamilton in March *and has recently returned after a long break. Last* time he went down by 3½l behind Not So Shy (rec 3lb) in 1m 2f h'cap at Redcar.

WYKEHAMIST consistent performer, ran well under a big weight when 3rd beaten 1½l by Mandnik (rec 22lb), is sure to make the frame again.

SCHROT HANDLER held on by a head to win a 1m claimer at Chepstow from Turbo Rose (rec 1lb).

Selection: TURBAN

3.15 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES (Div II, part 2: 2-Y-O: £1,909: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(1)	4	BAB'S MOSS 26 (H Kaskel) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	● 99
2	(2)	02000	BUZZARDS SON 13 (Cornchem Ltd) H Collingridge 9-0	M Rimmer	86
14	(11)	0	LA MINOR 14 (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-0	N Howe	—
18	(13)	0	MOON MYSTERY 48 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 9-0	J Reid	90
19	(14)	000	*NEARROE 14 (A Boanas) P Makin 9-0*	*B Raymond*	—
20	(16)		NUMERATOR (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	80
21	(4)	33000	POLYROLL 67 (Sheet & Roll Convertors) Miss B Sanders 9-0	*Dana Mellor (5)*	77
23	(9)	500	ROYAL ALASKA 14 (Mrs V O'Brien) P Arthur 9-0	W Ryan	—
26	(15)	0	SAXON LAD 68 (W Norton) N Gaselee 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
28	(8)		*SOLDIER BRAVE (Mrs J McDougald Farms Inc) I Balding 9-0*	*E Cullen*	—
30	(5)	223450	THE OIL BARON 9 (R Carstairs) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	80
37	(3)	5000	CROSBY PLACE 72 (Miss P Westbrook) M Haynes 8-9	N Adams	75
38	(6)	0	EXECUTIVE STAR 14 (J Conway) M Francis 8-9	W Newnes	—
40	(10)	6500	JOHN'S DELIGHT 31 (J Bailey) A Ingham 8-9	G Starkey	84
44	(12)	0	PRIORY BAY 10 (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	81
45	(7)		RISATINA 2 (T Ross) A Lee 8-9	NON-RUNNER	—

BETTING: 11-4 Bab's Moss, 3-1 Soldier Brave, 4-1 Moon Mystery, 5-1 Numerator, 8-1 The Oil Baron, 14-1 others.

FORM BAB'S MOSS come from a very good family that needed a test of stamina, ran well when 4l 4th to Folly Foot in maidenn at Salisbury. *Is sure to improve and will take all the* beating.

LA MINOR ran a fair race when 11th to Simjour. Will have to find a lot of improvement to play a serious part today.

MOON MYSTERY, a half-brother to Moon Madness and Sheriff's Star, should improve on *his 6th* when beaten 4½l by his stable companion, Masasir.

NUMERATOR cost 94,000gns, half-brother to the French 7f-9f winner Stephay's Dream.

PRIORY BAY was never a threat when in need of the outing *behind Greensmith at Doncaster.*

Selection: BAB'S MOSS (nap)

3.45 FALLING LEAF HANDICAP (£3,828: 6f) (20 runners)

1	(9)	112656	CHAPLINS CLUB 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 8-10-2	K Darley	94
4	(15)	520003	SLEEPLINE FANTASY 20 (B,D,G,S) K Brassey 3-9-2	W R Swinburn	88
5	(6)	303000	CRONK'S QUALITY 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-2	Paul Eddery	98
7	(10)	212020	SISTER CHABRIAS 26 (V,D,F) *(P Dolan) M Haynes 3-9-0*	*J Reid*	94
9	(7)	340002	YOUNG INCA 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 10-8-13	I Johnson	● 99
10	(2)	005600	ONE LINER 9 (B,D,F,G,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 4-8-12	B Raymond	96
12	(20)	444000	TOMMY DALY 20 (G) (J Daly) W Carter 3-8-10	Karen Latchford (7)	93
13	(13)	100035	VICEROY JESTER 7 (D,S) (F Broom) R Holder 3-8-10	J Williams	92
14	(95)	200000	PROFILIC 19 (D,F,G) (J Goodman) J H Wilson 3-8-9	W Ryan	95
15	(12)	50-6650	LOVE BALLAD 20 (F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 3-8-7	N Day	89
17	(5)	150000	SPARKY LAD 11 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Clark) J Jenkins 5-8-7	T Quinn	92
18	(16)	400200	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 4 (B,D,F,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-6	Melody Town (7)	94
19	(11)	010030	FABLED ORATOR 30 (D,F,G) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 3-8-6	B Rouse	96
20	(19)	400600	COPPERMILL LAD 23 (D,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) L Holt 5-8-4	N Adams	94
21	(17)	601054	PROFIT A PRENDRE 9 (CD,F,S) (P Thorne) D Wilson 4-8-3	W Newnes	94
22	(18)	33-00	AUNT BLUE 20 (Mrs S Hornung) J Dunlop 3-8-2	G Carter	93
23	(14)	502563	JOKIST 9 (D,G,S) (J Virgo) P Cundell 5-8-2	M Hills	95
24	(1)	006633	CARPE DIEM 25 ((R Skinner) L Holt 3-8-2	M Marshall (5)	90
26	(4)	121000	SHARP TIMES 20 (D,BF,F,G) (F Briggs) W Musson 5-8-0	T Williams	95
27	(8)	460400	NO BEATING HARTS 11 (D,F,S) (C Taylor) M McCormack 5-8-0	R Street	96

BETTING: 7-2 Chaplins Club, 9-2 Young Inca, 5-1 Jokist, 13-2 Profit A Prendre, 8-1 Sharp Times, Sleepline Fantasy, 12-1 One Liner, Viceroy Jester, 16-1 others.

FORM *CHAPLINS CLUB has it all to do with* his big weight. He showed he had not lost his edge when denied a clear run to finish 6th, beaten 5¾l by *Duck Flight at Newbury with JOKIST (rec 27lb)* 3rd PROFIT A PRENDRE (rec 32lb) 4th. The weight and testing ground is likely to anchor him today.

SLEEPLINE FANTASY won at Folkestone in March and is showing signs of returning to form. Last time when down 3½l to Thunderflash (rec 3lb) at Warwick.

SISTER CHABRIAS failed to show her best last time; earlier beaten 2½l by Scotch Imp (rec 4lb) in competive event at Newmarket.

YOUNG INCA showed he still retains his ability when 2nd beaten 2½l by P J Kelly (rec 10lb).

BEECHWOOD COTTAGE can be forgiven for recent outing when badly hampered; earlier went down by a 1l to Major Jacko (rec 16lb).

CARPE DIEM has been running well in maiden events and takes a big step up today.

Selection: YOUNG INCA

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
P Mitchell	3	14	21.4
L Holt	3	15	20.0
John Fitzgerald	3	16	18.8
M Eckley	4	27	14.8
R Houghton	5	39	12.8
H Thomson Jones	6	48	12.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Munro	3	12	25.0
M Birch	9	54	16.7
M Roberts	11	87	12.6
R Hills	10	85	11.8
Dean McKeown	3	26	11.5
A Clark	3	29	*10.3*

LEICESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Miss Blitz.
2.00 Vickenda.
2.30 Messaria.
3.00 Run High.
3.30 Aryaf.
4.00 Preben.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Jalopy.
2.00 *MACKENZIES* (nap).
2.30 Native Flair.
3.00 Fatu Hiva.
3.30 Aquatic.
4.00 Chart Cross.

Going: good to soft Draw: 6f-7f, high numbers best

1.30 EBF FLECKNEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O fillies: £1,894: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(13)	00	ALDINGTON COMEDIEN 4 (B) (C Wheatley) J Jenkins 8-11	—	—
2	[illegible]		ARCTIC PLAY (W Farish III) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	—
5	[illegible]	20	*CAROUSEL KATE 39 (P Elkington) J Harris 8-11*	*S Wood (5)*	—
6	(10)	0	CHRISTINE MORGAN 11 (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 8-11	R Fox	—
11	(12)	00	GLADYS PUGH 14 (R Barwell) G Balding 8-11	—	74
13	(14)	00	HONEY MILL 17 (E Badger) W Musson 8-11	A Mackay	90
14	(5)	03	JALOPY 21 (Capt. J Macdonald-Buchanan) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	97
16	(4)	04	MISS BLITZ 14 (S Rustok) W O'Gorman 8-11	A Munro (5)	● 99
17	(7)	0000	MISS MAREVA 8 (Mrs C Riley) P Blockley 8-11	J Carr (5)	—
20	(11)	0	ROYAL-BLUE BELLE 45 (Royal-Blue Racing Plc) M Brittain 8-11	M Wigham	—
21	(3)	0000	ROYAL SCENARIO 31 (V) (I MacDonald) H O'Neill 8-11	N Carlisle	—
22	(1)	00	SEULMA 14 (O Zawawi) M Francis 8-11	M Roberts	84
27	(8)		TARATONG (Mrs L Tong) K White 8-11	R Wernham	—
28	(9)	540	THE QUEEN OF SOUL 28 (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	A Whitehall (7)	92

BETTING: 7-4 Jalopy, 9-4 Miss Blitz, 5-1 Arctic Play, 15-2 The Queen Of Soul, 14-1 Royal Blue-Bell, 16-1 others.

2.0 SEAGRAVE APPRENTICES SELLING HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,019: 6f) (23 runners)

1	(3)	040030	L'ADDITION 5 (C,S) (S Berry) J Berry 9-7	D Hagger (5)	95
6	(11)	030050	MACKENZIES 7 (T Corby) M Ryan 8-11	J Ryan	93
7	(15)	0-60004	FIVE STAR AFFAIR 68J (B) (Miss J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 8-11	B Lane (5)	81
10	(7)	200050	VICTORIA LINE 7 (V) (Mrs J Buckle) G Balding 8-8	—	90
11	(16)	030250	MUSLEAT 6 (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	C Rate (5)	95
14	(7)	0-01040	BALLERINA GIRL 20 (D,G) (C Booth) C Booth 8-5	P Johnson	96
15	(14)	6-00000	NIGHT TALK 3 (J Bird) P Felgate 8-4	R Lappin	—
16	(1)	0000	ZODIAC BOY 14 (Miss D Hallsworth) Mrs G Reveley 8-3	J Carr	88
17	(20)	030030	TAMI 70 (B) (Mrs B Taylor) M McCourt 8-3	A Tucker (5)	87
18	(23)	0-00023	VICKENDA 4 (V) (Z Papastyllanou) C Allen 8-3	P Burke	98
19	(6)	054000	SCARNING GIZMO 27 (M Forbes) J Scallan 8-3	P Barnard	96
20	(12)	254050	NEEDWOOD CRACKER 7 (K Liebsch) B Morgan 8-2	G Hind	91
22	(8)	0-0000	STRAIGHTAWAY LEDA 14 (M Coles) L Holt 8-1	S Wood	—
24	(2)	055000	OH MY OH MY 34 (W Lusty) D Haley 7-12	D D'Arcy (5)	88
26	(17)	000540	PORTFIELD LADY 27 (T G Mills Ltd) W Carter 7-12	N Gwilliams (5)	91
27	(18)	006000	MASTER TYKE 3 (B) (M Hall) S Bowring 7-10	R Price (5)	98
28	(19)	066600	DERRALEENA 27 (B) (Mrs A Norman) W Wightman 7-8	D Want (5)	94
30	(13)	000050	SCARNING DIGIT 13 (M Forbes) J Scallan 7-7	Donna Haynes (5)	—
31	(9)	00300	NEEDS A SHOT 21 (R Barber) M Francis 7-7	D Biggs (5)	● 99
32	(5)	000000	QUEENSTYLE 17 (D Hill) D Wilson 7-7	J Carter	92
33	(21)	000050	DEBACH CARROT 21 (J Miller) Dr J Scargill 7-7	—	—
34	(10)	000050	PETITE ANGEL 6 (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 7-7	M Humphreys (5)	96
35	(22)	000000	BALIDARIUS 31 (B) (Oakes Bloodstock Ltd) E Alston 7-7	J Fortune (5)	—

Long handicap: Queenstyle 7-6, Debach Carrot 7-6, Petite Angel 7-5, Balidarius 7-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Ballerina Girl, 9-2 Musleat, 11-2 Vickenda, *8-1 Master Tyke, 10-1 Victoria Line, L'Addition,* 12-1 Five Star Affair, 14-1 Needwood Cracker, 16-1 others.

2.30 WYSALL EBF STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,148: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1	(7)	01-3121	AMBER LOCH 7 (D,G,S) (J Arriola) P Cole 9-5	T Ives	98
2	(2)	25-0161	COOL RUN 13 (C,G,S) (Mrs M Thomas) B McMahon 9-1	S Perks	98
3	(3)	022410	ISRAR 7 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10	R Hills	● 99
4	(4)	2015	SPOILT AGAIN 13 (BF,F) *(Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 8-10*	R Cochrane	98
5	(6)	254513	NATIVE FLAIR 18 (D,F) (R Arculli) R Armstrong 8-7	M Roberts	96
6	(10)	331-0	DISSOLUTION 7 (B) *(H Kirpalani)* R Williams 8-3	D Biggs (7)	90
7	(5)	05000	FANCY FOOTWORK 165 (Whiteoaks (Racehorses) Limited) J Harris 8-3	S Wood (5)	—
8	(9)	66-4256	IMPERIAL FLIGHT 30 (Mrs M Francis) M Francis 8-3	C Rutter	95
9	(8)	0	OXBRIDGE 2 (A Richards) H O'Neill 8-3	—	—
14	(1)	6252	MESSARIA 11 (Mrs H Cambanis) J Jenkins 8-0	—	94
15	(11)	00-0	*TITLE 11 (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 8-0*	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 11-4 Cool Run, 4-1 Amber Loch, 5-1 Native Flair, 13-2 Israr, 8-1 Imperial Flight, 10-1 Dissolution, 12-1 Messaria, 14-1 Others.

3.0 SQUIRREL HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,464: 1m 4f) (22 runners)

2	(17)	456520	*RANA PRATAP 38 (F,G,S) (Royal-Blue Racing Plc) G Lewis 8-9-10*	C Rutter	94
5	(11)	124540	GULFLAND 31 (D,F,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G P-Gordon 7-9-7	Abigail Richards (7)	93
7	(21)	551400	PLEASE KENNETH 18 (D,G) (M Suhail) B Hanbury 3-9-6	M Roberts	91
8	(4)	146	TWENTY ONE RED 18 (B,D,BF,G) (B Scowcroft) B Hanbury 3-9-5	R Cochrane	92
9	(6)	1/00040	ALVECOTE MAGIC 10 (G) (D Collins) P Felgate 4-9-4	G Duffield	89
12	(19)	033110	*NEW MEXICO 24 (C,F,S) (D Pollard Jun) M Morley 4-9-2*	M Birch	94
13	(7)	255102	CASHMERE N CAVIAR 25 (F,S) (Mrs P Hinton) N Tinkler 4-9-1	T Ives	92
14	(20)	320110	CASTLE HEIGHTS 20J (D,BF,F) (J Daniels) R Curtis 4-9-1	Dean McKeown	91
15	(15)	450-064	QUIET RIOT 9 (S) (Mrs E Gittins) J White 6-9-1	V Smith (5)	89
19	(2)	216265	MRS PISTOL 16 (G) (D Allen) C Wall 4-8-13	L Dettori (5)	91
20	(13)	314200	*CREEAGER 9 (D,F,S) (J Berry) J Wharton 6-8-12*	A Mackay	84
22	(16)	022421	HOPPING AROUND 9 (D,F,G,S) (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 4-8-11	J Bleasdale	98
23	(3)	450012	FATU HIVA 14 (D,G,S) (R Kaselowsky) John FitzGerald 4-8-11	R Hills	92
24	(8)	003110	SILKS DOMINO 6 (B,D,S) (R Melpass) M Ryan 3-8-10	G Bardwell (3)	85
26	(18)	545003	NAHASH 14 (D,S) (Sheikh Abdullah Faleh Al-Thani) M Blanshard 3-8-9	A Clark	91
31	(9)	033040	MOON SUNSHINE 8 *(D Kerr)* A Potts 3-8-5	J Lowe	89
32	(22)	486312	RUN HIGH 4 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 5-8-5	S Cairns (7)	● 99
33	(10)	003660	DAWN LOVE 14 (F,G) (J Rees) R Hollinshead 5-8-3	A Culhane (3)	91
34	(14)	640235	GREY ADMIRAL 17 (B) (G Horsford) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-3	K Fallon (3)	86
35	(12)	006664	COMBINED EXERCISE 21 (S) (M Reiley) R Akehurst 4-8-3	P Barnard (5)	92
37	(1)	406004	COMMON FARM 9J (D,F,S) (D McKay) R Dickin 5-8-0	R Fox	90
38	(5)	104200/	TAGIO 304J (C,F,G) (M Tate) M Tate 8-8-0	N Carlisle	—

BETTING: 5-1 Cashmere N Caviar, 6-1 New Mexico, 7-1 Fatu Hiva, 8-1 Run High, Hopping Around, 10-1 Twenty One Red, Silks Domino, Castle *Heights*, 14-1 others.

3.30 EBF FLECKNEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O fillies: £1,887: 6f) (18 runners)

1	(2)	00	AAARGH 19 (B Barrymore Halpenny) M Eckley 8-11	A Proud	71
2	(1)	22	AQUATIC 27 (BF) (D Wilson) R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	● 99
3	(4)		ARYAF (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	—
4	(10)	500	*BETETH 29 (Mrs E Jackman) K Cunningham-Brown 8-11*	*C Rutter*	76
6	(15)	0	CHESTER HOUSE 14 (Mrs W McAlpine) M Morley 8-11	M Birch	—
7	(16)	00	CHIC CAROLE 6 (M Downey) J Payne 8-11	R P Elliott	—
8	(6)	60	FOREST BLAZE 20 (Sheikh Mohammed) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	80
13	(3)		IN SEPTEMBER (Mrs J Shine) J Spearing 8-11	A Mackay	—
16	(18)	24	*LOADPLAN LASS 12 (Loadplan Ltd) C Booth 8-11*	*K Hodgson*	94
17	(12)	05	LUCKY FLINDERS 14 (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 8-11	M Roberts	88
18	(13)	00	MAGGIE'S MELODY 12 (Mrs M Franks) J Glover 8-11	Dean McKeown	72
19	(9)		MARTIN-LAVELL ECHO (A Lavell) M Prescott 8-11	G Duffield	—
22	(5)	30	MIZUWARI 31 (J Morrison) G Balding 8-11	S Perks	94
23	(17)		*M TWENTY FIVE (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 8-11*	*A McGlone*	—
24	(14)	00	SULTANS GIFT 9 (T Saud) C Allen 8-11	C Wilson (7)	77
27	(11)		UNIQUE TREASURE (R Richards) W Jarvis 8-11	A Clark	—
28	(7)	060	WELSH FLUTE 18 (Mrs J Balls) R Thompson 8-11	M Fry	82
29	(8)	00	WORLD PARTY 14 (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	A Whitehall (7)	—

BETTING: 11-4 Aquatic, 7-2 Aryaf, 6-1 Forest Blaze, 8-1 Mizuwari, 10-1 Loadplan Lass, 12-1 Lucky Flinders, 14-1 Martin-Lavell Echo, 16-1 others.

4.0 JOHN O'GAUNT NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,220: 7f) (17 runners)

1	(6)	00010	GREENWICH PAPILLON 24 (D,G) (J Bird) W Carter 9-7	A Mackay	94
3	(4)	01	RINCON 109 (D,G) (J Livock) M Prescott 8-10	G Duffield	98
4	(3)	1	RANWELI REEF 97 (G) (J Bandaranaike) G Huffer 8-7	G Bardwell (3)	96
7	(15)	640	PREBEN 21 (D Rowland) P Cole 8-5	M Roberts	86
10	(2)	0584	ROYAL DIGGER 44 (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fytche 8-2	J Carter (5)	98
11	(14)	00030	BENNY LEONARD 6 (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Ryan 8-0	R Hills	90
15	(13)	0300	RESPRAY 17 (Mrs A Venner) M Johnston 7-11	J Lowe	93
16	(9)	1631	MERRY MARIGOLD 4 (D,S) (F Swain) R Stubbs 8-3 (7ex)	S Whitworth	98
17	(16)	003140	NIKLAS ANGEL 45 (D,G) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 7-7	A Munro (5)	85
19	(1)	005150	MISS PATDONNA 6 (D,F) (S Williams) B Palling 7-7	S Wood (5)	96
20	(17)	204500	PETORINO 13 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 7-7	G Hind	92
21	(12)	550050	GO RABALL GO 4 (F) (A Irish) C Allen 7-7	D Biggs (7)	● 99
22	(7)	252601	MAGIC MILLY 20 (B) (R Hill) Dr J Scargill 7-7	R Fox	92
24	(10)	0002	CHART CROSS 20 (M Poole) N Callaghan 7-7	—	86
25	(5)	000	GAY FINALE 27 (M Forbes) J Scallan 7-7	N Carlisle	—
28	(8)	4500	VALIANT RED 21 (J Swaine) D Murray-Smith 7-7	J J Quinn	87
30	(11)	422000	ANNABELLE ROYALE 12 (I Farial) Mrs N Macauley 7-7	M Fry	91

Long handicap: Miss Patdonna 7-6, Petorino 7-6, Go Raball Go 7-4, Magic Milly 7-4, Chart Cross 7-1, Gay Finale 7-1, Valiant Red 6-13, Annabelle Royale 6-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Ranweli Reef, 4-1 Rincon, 7-1 Merry Marigold, 8-1 Magic Milly, Chart Cross, 12-1 Niklas Angel, 14-1 Royal Digger, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	22	44	50.0
R Simpson	7	23	30.4
G Harwood	26	88	29.5
R Boss	*9*	33	*27.3*
John FitzGerald	3	14	21.4
N Callaghan	4	20	20.0

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
N Day	6	35	17.1
G Starkey	18	110	16.4
G Carter	9	55	16.4
B Raymond	9	62	14.5
W R Swinburn	7	57	12.3
W Ryan	5	41	12.2

FOOTB

THE SAD CASE OF THE PATIENT THAT UNDERWENT MAJOR SURGERY WHEN ALL THAT WAS NEEDED WAS PSYCHOANALYSIS

A curse could be at work behind the Tottenham crisis

By Clive White

Aston Villa 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1

Terry Venables may soon have to accept that it will take more than money to move Tottenham Hotspur off the bottom of the first division. Despite expressing satisfaction with the strength of his squad on Saturday, he may eventually be forced to concede that it is going to take a lot more than £5.2 million to restore Tottenham to their glory of two — never mind 25 — seasons ago.

Tottenham may have hit bottom after the home defeat by Southampton last week, but not yet rock bottom. The defeat at Aston Villa on Saturday was a warning that they could fall still further (perish the thought), namely into the second division. Exactly a year on from David Pleat's sad and sordid departure as manager, the club finds itself in a position of far greater disgrace.

Venables must be starting to think that Pleat has left a curse on the place. Pleat was considered by some to be an unlucky man, by which they meant one of life's perpetual runners-up. How much, one wonders, would Venables give this season for such bad luck? Pleat, in his first season as manager, could finish only second in the FA Cup, third in the League and a beaten semi-finalist (after a replay against the eventual winners) in the Littlewoods Cup.

Pleat's is a hard act to follow. Venables took over a side (sixth at the time of Pleat's departure) that had been left to run down before his belated arrival. Other than a fractured spirit, there was not too much wrong with it. Venables has performed major surgery on a patient who needed only psychoanalysis. Yet despite Venables's lavish expenditure, there is suddenly a desperate lack of quality about Tottenham.

The absence of Walsh and Samways because of a viral infection in a game devoid of quality would seem to have deprived Tottenham of some class, though Venables, surprisingly, refuted that. Nevertheless, players of the inexperience of Howells and the two substitutes, Stimson and Moncur, are not what Tottenham need just now. What they need is an experienced, commanding figure in midfield and a natural goalscorer.

The young Gascoigne is all too willing to accept the burden of creative responsibility but, until such time as his precocious talent is allowed to mature normally, he is in danger of buckling under the stress. Similarly, Tottenham are looking to the wrong man if they see Waddle, the England winger, as a finisher.

However, Tottenham hardly deserved to fall behind on the hour to the kind of fluke goal which, disturbingly, is becoming part of Tottenham's repertoire. Fenwick miskicked a clearance and the ball ricocheted in off Mimms's chest.

A typically powerful and courageous run by Gascoigne made the bit of luck by which Tottenham drew level, Gascoigne's shot deflecting into the path of Waddle, who was promptly brought down by Spink. Tottenham were grateful enough for Fenwick's conversion despite the embarrassment of having a centre-back as leading goalscorer. But they were blushing again eight minutes later when a surging run by McInally took him beyond the Tottenham defence for Daley to convert his cross with ease.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; C Price, D Mountfield, A Evans, K Gage, M Keown, A Daley, D Platt, A McInally, G Cowans, S Gray.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; G Stevens, M Thomas, T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, D Howells (sub: M Stimson), P Gascoigne, C Waddle, P Stewart, P Allen (sub: J Moncur).

Referee: D T Phillips.

Saunders sparkles in debut

By a Special Correspondent

Derby County.................... 4
Wimbledon......................... 1

Clutching the man-of-the-match champagne award, Dean Saunders conceded that he could hardly have hoped for a better start to his new career with Derby.

After match comparisons were bandied around the Baseball Ground. Is he another Kevin Keegan, as Arthur Cox, the manager, suggests he might be, or another Kevin Hector, still revered as Derby's goalscorer supreme?

Certainly Saunders did enough on day one to indicate that Derby's £1 million is soundly invested. He scored twice and created another as Derby doubled their seasonal goal total against a surprisingly compliant Wimbledon.

Saunders's first contribution after 34 minutes was to divert Callaghan's thunderous cross with a header which left Segers motionless.

Wimbledon needed only another nine minutes to expose Derby's neurotic defence when Jones met Fairweather's precise cross with a typically macho, running header.

After 63 minutes, Saunders showed admirable control before allowing Goddard the opportunity to tee up Derby's second goal for the unmarked Sage.

Six minutes later he drifted in casually from the left before unleashing a 20-yard drive which bounced in off the underside of the crossbar.

Derby's late fourth goal was prodded in by the substitute, Micklewhite, from McMinn's centre, but by then a disorganized Wimbledon were easily broken.

DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; M Sage, R Hindmarch, P Blades, M Forsyth, E McMinn, T Hebberd, G Williams, N Callaghan (sub: G Micklewhite), P Goddard, D Saunders.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers, R Joseph, J Scales, E Young, A Clement, D Wise, V Jones, L Sanchez, C Fairweather, A Cork, J Fashanu.

Referee: L Shapter

Millwall's record is snatched away

By Martin Searby

Middlesbrough 4
Millwall 2

Millwall lost their unbeaten record in a constantly gripping match at Ayresome Park and Middlesbrough's biggest crowd of the season were delighted with the thrills, spills and glut of goals. But it would be an exaggeration to describe it as a great game with five of the six goals the result of bad errors and far too much bodily contact for pure football to flourish.

Hurlock, in Millwall's midfield, was outstanding in the latter department. After one rugged tackle, late in the match, Hamilton retaliated and both players had their names taken by the referee.

The exception among the goals was Slaven's marvellous one within two minutes of the start — a tremendous shot into Horne's left-hand top corner from 25 yards out.

Millwall equalized when Pallister headed the ball weakly to Cascarino who squared for Sheringham to score. Pallister was also at fault when the visitors struck again. On that occasion he was too slow as Sheringham beat him for possession and slid the ball to Cascarino, who finished superbly.

Within a minute of the restart Middlesbrough were level through Ripley when the clever England under-21 winger was on hand to take the ball off McLeary and drive it home for his first goal of the season.

Middlesbrough went in front when Millwall failed to clear Hamilton's corner kick and Burke prodded home the ball.

Millwall, clearly missing the injured Wood at the heart of the defence, were now under considerable pressure and when Burke turned past McLeary he was hacked down in the penalty area. Parkinson scored his first goal in 94 League games from the spot-kick.

MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; G Parkinson, C Cooper, A Mowbray, G Hamilton, G Pallister, B Slaven, M Brennan, M Burke, P Kerr (sub: A Kernaghan), S Ripley.

MILLWALL: B Horne; K Stevens, I Dawes, T Hurlock, D Salman, A McLeary, G Lawrence, L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, K O'Callaghan (sub: N Ruddock).

Referee: L Dilkes.

Draw full of drawers

By Paul Newman

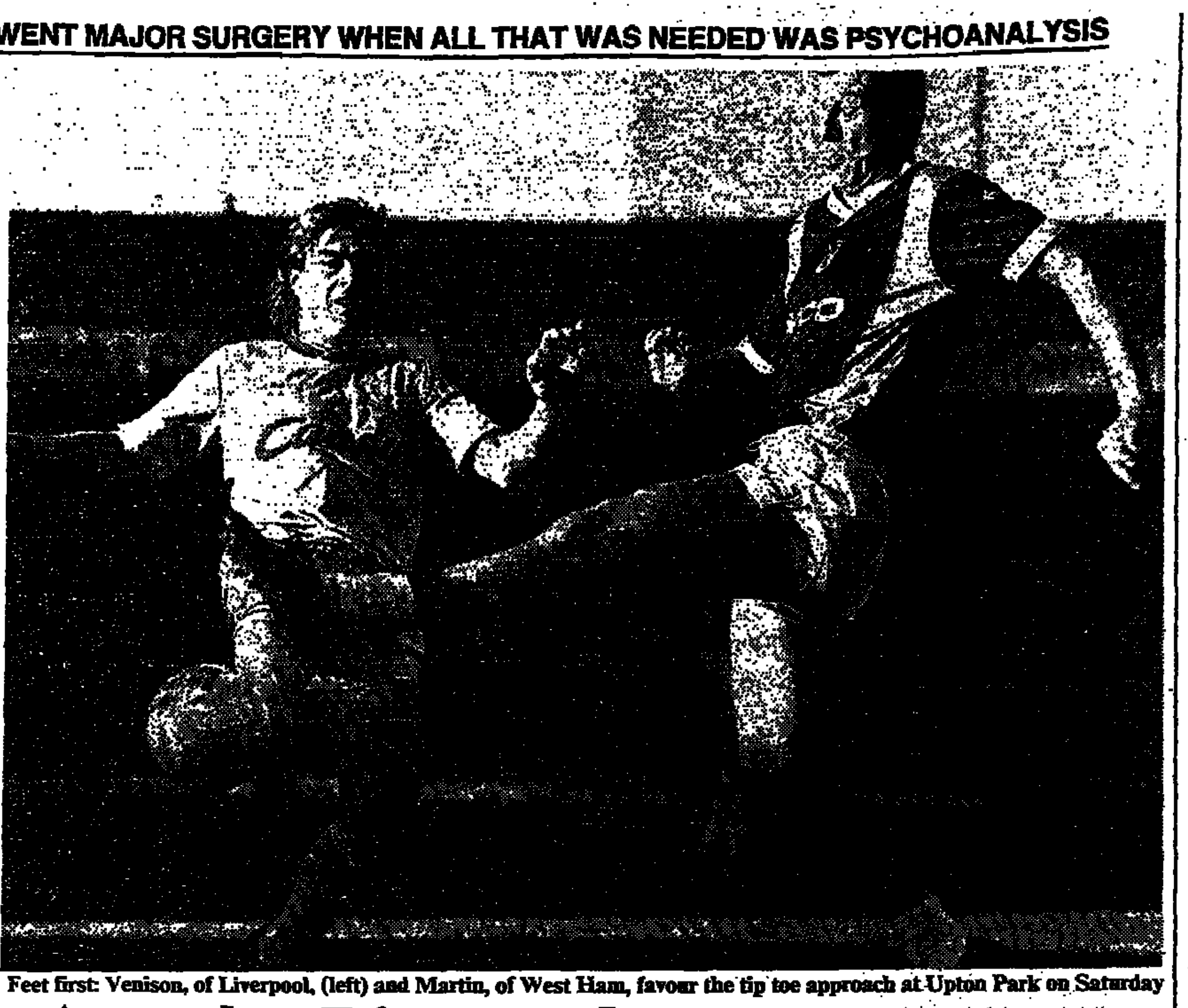
The draw today for the first round proper of the FA Cup will contain more names than usual after half the 28 ties in the fourth qualifying round on Saturday finished level. Most results went to form, but four GM Vauxhall Conference clubs, **Welling United, Sutton United, Fisher Athletic** and **Aylesbury United** were held at home by opponents from lower leagues.

Welling had to come from behind to force a 1-1 draw against **Hinckley Town**, who are competing in the Cup for only the second time. Fisher took the lead three times but had to settle for a 3-3 draw against **Dulwich Hamlet**, and Sutton led **Walton and Hersham** for more than an hour before Thornton, one of their former players, equalized after 77 minutes. Aylesbury drew 1-1 with **Sudbury Town**, who equalized in the last minute through McCoy.

Whitehawk, of the Sussex County League, had Geering sent off in the first half but led away to **Bognor Regis Town** until two minutes from the end, when Fell, the former Brighton player, forced a 1-1 draw.

Two goals by Camden gave **Stafford Rangers** a 2-1 victory at home to **Kidderminster Harriers** and Cooke scored both of **Kettering Town's** goals in a 2-1 win away to **Wycombe Wanderers**. A crowd of 3,014 saw **Altrincham** earn a goalless draw away to **Macclesfield Town**, who had Edwards sent off in the second half.

Peter Taylor, **Dartford's** player-manager, hit the winning goal as the Beazer Homes League leaders won 2-1 away to their Vauxhall-Opel League counterparts, **Slough Town**.



Feet first: Venison, of Liverpool, (left) and Martin, of West Ham, favour the tip toe approach at Upton Park on Saturday

Arsenal bloom in autumn

By Vince Wright

Arsenal.............................. 2
Coventry City................... 0

There is something about the autumn which brings out the best in Arsenal. In the last two seasons they have been almost invincible in the months leading up to Christmas, and Saturday's convincing victory extended their unbeaten run to seven matches.

Arsenal's next opponents are Liverpool and Nottingham Forest so they cannot afford to fall below the form which proved too good for Coventry.

The first division's leading scorers inflicted the first away defeat of the season on Coventry, yet the result might have been different if Bannister had not spooned the ball over the bar early on when perfectly placed, or if Regis had not miscued in the second half with only Lukic to beat. But for every chance that Coventry made Arsenal made two.

Under George Graham's management, Arsenal have found a balance between attractiveness and effectiveness. Their defence looked more secure than at any time this season and O'Leary and Sansom, ousted by Bould and Winterburn, appear to have little hope of regaining their places.

Richardson and Marwood were Arsenal's key players. Richardson, as well as doing an excellent containing job on Speedie, kept his forwards well supplied. Marwood seemed to be involved in every penetrating move and his industry and the quality of his centres were readily acknowledged by the Coventry manager, John Sillett. Marwood can seize as well as create opportunities.

An untidy opening quarter of an hour was followed by a stunning goal from Thomas, who dispossessed Speedie and sent a dipping right-foot drive beyond Ogrizovic from 25 yards. Arsenal's second goal, after 81 minutes, was overdue but worth waiting for. Marwood's corner was flicked on at the near post by Bould to Adams, who pounded in a header.

Coventry made too many unforced errors to trouble Arsenal and it will not have escaped Sillett's notice that they have gone three games without scoring.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle (sub: M Hayes), K Richardson, A Smith, P Merson (sub: P Groves), B Marwood.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, S Sedgley, G Rodger, T Peake, D Phillips, D Speedie, C Regis, G Bannister, K Houchen.

Referee: G Tyson.

Liverpool stage a recovery

By Andrew Longmore

West Ham United 0
Liverpool.......................... 2

There were so many impersonations being done at Upton Park it seemed like the Christmas pantomime had begun a month early. Gary Ablett (Alan Hansen), Alan Dickens (Trevor Brooking) and Stuart Slater (Tony Cottee) all gave passable performances. John Barnes brought a creditable imitation of his England form down to club level and, for an hour, Ian Rush and John Aldridge gave forlorn interpretations of each other.

It was not that Liverpool ever looked like losing. Unfortunately for West Ham, Dickens does not have Brooking's vision nor Slater, as yet, Cottee's nose for goal. No, Liverpool always had an excellent match in their hand; they just took an unusually long time to put it in their pocket.

The quick, passing movements too often broke down before they had reached the halfway line, the final pass was unusually wayward and, for much of the first half, Liverpool's main weapon was the long boot by Venison, which twice caught Martin and Gale flat-footed.

But just as the critics, who had suggested that Liverpool were a shadow of their former selves, had begun to rub their hands, the play-acting ceased. In the 70th minute, Aldridge challenged for a long ball, Rush hovered, hooked the loose ball back with his right foot, and struck it instantly with his left past McKnight from 20 yards. There is, as the Liverpool fans were quick to point out, only one Ian Rush.

To their credit, West Ham continued to strive for an elusive opening. Dickens' mazy dribble ended with a 25-yard shot past the post and Slater beat three defenders in a run across the penalty area only for his final shot to be blocked.

But that all was just a prelude to the real punchline, delivered with perfect timing by Beardsley in the 80th minute. Ablett, half way inside his own half, fed Aldridge down the left, Burrows took his inside pass to the byline and Beardsley tucked the ball past McKnight to seal Liverpool's first League win of the month.

Arsenal, Norwich, Millwall and anyone else who fancy playing Cinderella at this year's League ball will surely need more than a fairy godmother to make their dreams come true.

WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight; R Stewart, J Dicks, A Gale, A Martin, A Devonshire, M Ward, D Kelly (sub: L Rosenoir), S Slater, A Dickens, P Ince.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; B Venison, D Burrows, G Ablett, S Nicol, R Whelan (sub: N Spackman), P Beardsley, J Aldridge, I Rush, J Barnes, R Houghton.

Referee: R Milford.

Family affair puts Norwich ill at ease

By David Powell

Norwich City..................... 1
Southampton 1

The large advertisement on the South Stand said "Wallace Kings", a ready-made headline for the Southampton newspaper. Rodney Wallace devised Southampton's equalizer on Saturday and his brother, Danny, scored it. With Wallaces everywhere (Raymond, a third brother, accidentally put Townsend in hospital) Norwich looked uneasy on the first division throne.

One observer said that Norwich did well on the basics; but basics were not what we had come to see from the team, leading the League by six points. Fleck, who had put Norwich ahead, thought that even those were suspect. "We gave away a stupid goal and I should have had a hat-trick," he said.

Fleck was being harsh on himself, if not on his defence. His goal was the antithesis of the match, unfussy and a joy to watch, and the unconverted chances for which he chastized himself were not so much wasted as examples of why Burridge remains a first division goalkeeper at 36.

Three splendid saves kept Fleck waiting until the 48th minute. Gordon's throw was headed down by Rosario and Fleck hit a half-volley too quick even for Burridge.

Norwich had never had it so good: wins against Tottenham and Manchester United to extend the gap between themselves and the rest, almost twice as many points as Liverpool and a glorious day for their supporters to savour it all.

And what happened? Fewer than 15,000 came, most observing silence as if unsure how to deal with the status. They should have been at Millwall, fresher still to these heights, the previous Saturday: two goals down to Nottingham Forest but willed back to a draw by desire on the terraces. "It's a pity they don't get behind us," Fleck said.

Danny Wallace threatened constantly: a shot wide, a run into the area which had Gunn sprawling at his feet, then an equalizer which he rolled in from a return pass by Rodney Wallace while three defenders left the tackle to each other.

Chris Nicholl, Southampton's manager, was relieved to hear that Townsend, his former midfield player, was recovering in hospital after swallowing his tongue, having taken a Raymond Wallace clearance full in the face. Townsend was allowed home on Saturday evening.

Nicholl was asked whether there were any more Wallaces awaiting selection. "No," he said. "But I'll be asking the father and mother what can be done."

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, I Crook, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Rosario, M Phelan, A Townsend (sub: R Fox).

SOUTHAMPTON: J Burridge; Raymond Wallace, D Statham, G Baker, K Moore, R Osman, Rodney Wallace, G Cockerill, M Le Tissier (sub: N Maddison), F Benali, D Wallace.

Referee: A Buksh.

Weariness tells on Rangers

By Roddy Forsyth

Showing obvious signs of weariness after their Skol Cup final victory over Aberdeen last Sunday and their UEFA cup tie in Cologne on Wednesday, Rangers dropped a point to St Mirren at Love Street on Saturday only to find that their lead at the top of the Premier Division had not been eroded.

St Mirren took advantage of an error by Gough, who passed short to Wilkins. Davies intercepted and switched the ball beyond Butcher into the path of McWalter, who swept his shot low past the goalkeeper. In the closing stages St Mirren's nerve began to weaken and Walters provided Gray with a cross for a headed equalizer.

Aberdeen, who began the afternoon in second place, drew at Tynecastle against **Heart of Midlothian**. Whittaker deflected into his own goal but Jardine equalized after the interval.

Hibernian went second with their 3-0 victory over bottom team **Hamilton Academical** at Douglas Park. At Tannadice **Motherwell** fell behind to **Dundee United** when Paatelainen scored, but Farningham netted the equalizer.

The most surprising result was at Parkhead where Celtic started briskly against Dundee and were quickly in a comfortable lead with goals from Stark and Morris. However Frail, Harvey and Rafferty scored before half-time to give them a surprising win.

Coe and Cram in court of appeal

By David Miller

It is to be hoped that Nigel McCrery, a student who dreamed up one of the charity events of the year, will pursue Trans World International to ensure that Sebastian Coe and Steve Cram landed the jackpot for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

TWI, the television arm of Mark McCormack's organization, distributed the film of the Great Court Appeal Run, at Trinity College in Cambridge on Saturday, to some 15 countries, two of which, including the United States, carried the signal live. Such a deal must have been worth more than the £20,000 guarantee which TWI is said to have promised to add to the £10,000 sponsorship of James Capel, the investment specialists. The interest in this unique event should have raised double the predicted £50,000.

It was a perfect day of clear sky with that sharp autumnal tweak in the air for the reenactment of fiction masquerading as history. It did not matter, of course, that Colin Welland, the writer of *Chariots of Fire*, converted Lord Burghley into Harold Abrahams. Coe and Cram were running as themselves, and that was good enough for everybody.

It was just as well the sun shone, for had it been wet either of the Olympians might have fallen in attempting to negotiate the four right-angle turns on the flagstone and cobbles of the 440-year-old College.

The need to avoid the curved steps leading to the dining hall makes the run so tortuous that the first to the first corner had effectively won the race. Cram was slow to react to the first bell of the Clock Tower's midday chime, and Coe was two yards up at the turn, never to be threatened again.

Great Ormond Street was not the only beneficiary of the day. *The Guinness Book of Records* managed to get in on the publicity as timekeepers, but the cheering of the 1,500 onlookers as Coe led Cram by a yard to the finishing line beneath the clock drowned the bell. Coe was timed at 45.52 seconds, which is outside Lord Burghley's time in 1927 of 42.50.

The Guinness man claimed both runners had beaten the clock; though an air of confusion afterwards remained about this, which will serve to embellish the legend as time goes by. There was esoteric talk of whether the clock, recently overhauled, chimes faster or slower when oiled, though of course we have no way of knowing how well oiled was the timekeeper when Burghley ran his lap at midnight rather than midday.

Everybody, however, had fun. Prince Edward got the runners on their marks together, which the British Olympic selectors had failed to achieve. Cram generously admitted afterwards that "he's still faster than me", and Daley Thompson, who was there as reserve, wondered about making the race an 11th event of the decathlon. Nigel Havers, the fictional Lord Lindsey of *Chariots*, made a few remarks on the loudspeaker which no one could hear, and we all drifted contentedly away, back to real life, with a children's hospital appreciably richer. *Especially if TWI got its sums right.*

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YACHTING

Modest winds put brakes on Full Pelt

Monaco — Joe Richards and his Full Pelt multi-hull crew finished third in the Formula 40 World Championship yesterday, losing second place to Patrick Elies' French team aboard the British-designed catamaran, Chaffoteaux et Maury, after a disappointing performance in the final grand prix of the season here (Barry Pickthall writes).

The Monaco series, like the world championship, was won by Jean le Cam and his crew on the French trimaran, Biscuits Cantreau.

The Full Pelt crew, which won the grand prix at Marseilles but lacked speed in the frustratingly light winds experienced throughout the weekend, ended the season with winnings of 10,000 French francs. They will make changes next season which will include major surgery to the main hull and the addition of a forward rudder.

RESULTS: 1, Biscuits Cantreau — J le Cam (Fr); 2, Chaffoteaux et Maury — P Elies (Fr); 3, Region Nord pas de Calais — A Comyn (Fr); 4, Mantel — C Fehlmann (Switz); 5, Data General — E Y Parlier (Fr); 6, Full Pelt — J Richards (GB). Overall world championship positions: 1, Biscuits Cantreau, 55pts; 2, Chaffoteaux et Maury, 37; 3, Full Pelt, 33; 4, Mantel, 30.

JUDO

Briggs leads a golden effort

The British women won the gold medal in the European Team Championships at Vise on Saturday, beating the home squad, Belgium, 3-1 (Nicolas Soames writes).

Yesterday, the men fought well to match last year's bronze, this time beating Spain 3-1.

Roy Inman's women's team, who partly financed their visit, dismissed Austria (4-1) and The Netherlands (3-2) and their hopes were high especially after Belgium suprisingly beat France.

In the final, Karen Briggs, in commanding form, started the team well with a 10-point win. Courageous performances by the younger members, Jackie Johnson, Sharon Mills and Jane Morris in particular, produced two wins and a draw when it was vital.

RESULTS: Men: 1, France; 2, West Germany; 3, Britain, Belgium. Women: 1, Britain; 2, Belgium; 3, Netherlands, France.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal	2	Coventry	0
Aston Villa	2	Tottenham	1
Charlton	2	Sheff Wed	1
Derby	4	Wimbledon	1
Luton	0	QPR	0
Middlesbro	4	Millwall	2
Newcastle	0	Nottm For	1
Norwich	1	Southamptn	1
West Ham	0	Liverpool	2

Yesterday

EVERTON	(0)	1	MAN UTD	(0)	1
Cottee			Hughes		
27,005					

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	10	3	2	1	10	6	4	0	0	8	3	23
Arsenal	9	2	1	1	8	5	3	1	1	14	7	17
Millwall	9	3	1	0	8	5	1	3	1	9	8	16
Liverpool	10	1	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	10	5	15
Nottm For	10	1	3	0	4	3	2	3	1	8	7	15
Southampton	10	2	1	2	8	6	2	2	1	7	8	15
Middlesbro	10	4	0	1	10	6	1	0	4	6	11	15
Coventry	9	1	1	2	6	5	3	1	1	6	3	14
Aston Villa	10	2	3	1	8	6	1	2	1	7	7	14
Man Utd	9	2	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	6	5	13
Sheffield W	8	3	0	1	5	3	1	1	2	4	6	13
Charlton	10	1	3	2	8	10	2	1	1	6	5	13
Derby	9	3	1	2	7	3	0	2	1	1	2	12
Everton	9	2	2	1	10	5	1	0	3	3	6	11
QPR	10	2	0	2	5	4	1	2	3	4	6	11
Luton	10	1	3	1	4	5	1	1	3	4	5	10
Wimbledon	9	1	1	3	4	9	1	1	2	4	7	8
Newcastle	10	1	1	3	5	8	1	1	3	4	11	8
West Ham	10	1	1	3	6	11	1	0	4	2	9	7
Tottenham	9	1	1	2	8	9	0	3	2	7	10	5

Tottenham deducted 2pts by League

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading 2, Luton 4; Tottenham 3, Arsenal 3; Watford 3, Crystal Palace 0; Wimbledon 2, Millwall 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 1, Glenavon 1; Cliftonville 4, Distillery 0; Coleraine 2, Glentoran 3; Larne 4, Crusaders 0; Linfield 1, Ballymena 0; Newry 2, Carrick 0; Portadown 2, Ards 0.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Aylesbury 1, Sudbury 1; Barrow 1, Whitby 1; Bognor 2, Whitehawk 2; Bromsgrove 2, Moor Green 0; Caernarfon 1, Brandon 1; Chelmsford 1, Halesowen 3; Crawley 3, Merthyr 3; Dagenham 2, Burton 0; Dudley 3, Grays 3; Exmouth 1, Woking 5; Fareham 1, Dover 1; Farnborough 2, Waterlooville 3; Fisher 3, Dulwich 3; Fleetwood 1, Runcorn 3; Frickley 1, Chorley 1; Hayes 1, Redditch 0; Leek 0, Guisborough 0; Macclesfield 0, Altrincham 0; Newport 2, Weymouth 1; Northwich 2, Billingham Synthonia 0; Slough 1, Dartford 2; Southport 2, Tow Law 1; Stafford 2, Kidderminster 1; Sutton United 1, Walton and Hersham 1; VS Rugby 1, Hendon 1; Welling 1, Hinckley Town 1; Worcester 1, Yeovil 2; Wycombe 1, Kettering 2.

Second division

Barnsley	3	Plymouth	1
Blackburn	1	West Brom	2
Bournemth	1	Ipswich	0
Chelsea	2	Brighton	0
Leeds	2	Hull	1
Man City	1	Sunderld	1
Oxford Utd	3	Bradford	4
Portsmth	1	Oldham	1
Shrewsbry	3	Leicester	0
Stoke	2	C Palace	1
Swindon	2	Birmingham	1
Walsall	0	Watford	1

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	14	5	1	1	15	5	4	1	2	9	7	29
Blackburn	13	4	1	1	14	8	3	2	2	8	7	24
WBA	14	3	2	2	8	4	3	3	1	11	7	23
Portsmouth	14	4	2	1	14	7	2	3	2	9	11	23
Chelsea	14	4	1	2	14	7	2	3	2	9	8	22
Man City	14	3	3	1	11	9	3	1	3	7	8	22
Barnsley	14	4	2	1	11	6	2	2	3	8	12	22
C Palace	13	4	2	1	12	6	1	3	2	8	9	20
Ipswich	13	3	1	2	8	5	3	1	3	9	8	20
Bradford	14	3	3	1	7	4	2	2	3	9	11	20
Stoke	14	3	3	1	9	6	2	2	3	5	19	20
Swindon	13	3	3	0	10	4	1	4	2	9	14	19
Sunderland	13	4	3	0	13	5	0	3	3	2	8	18
Leicester	14	3	3	1	10	7	1	3	3	8	14	18
Hull	14	2	4	1	7	5	2	1	4	10	12	17
Oxford	14	3	3	1	14	10	1	2	4	6	11	17
Oldham	14	3	3	1	15	9	1	1	5	9	15	16
Bournemouth	13	3	1	2	4	3	1	2	4	6	11	15
Plymouth	13	3	2	1	10	3	1	1	5	6	18	15
Walsall	13	2	3	2	11	8	0	5	1	4	6	14
Leeds	13	2	3	2	7	7	0	3	3	3	9	12
Shrewsbury	13	1	3	3	7	11	1	3	2	3	6	12
Brighton	13	2	1	4	8	10	0	1	5	4	12	8
Birmingham	13	1	0	5	5	16	1	1	5	2	15	7

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: *League Cup:* **Second round:** Wimbledon 0, Tottenham 0; Portsmouth 2, Chelsea 0; Charlton 3, Millwall 1; Bristol City 1, Southampton 1; West Ham 1, Brentford 3; Northampton 0, Gillingham 0; Crystal Palace 1, Luton 0; Norwich 3, Southend 0. **First division:** Ipswich 2, Leyton Orient 5; Fulham 1, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Arsenal 1, Cambridge United 1. **Second division:** Bournemouth 2, Oxford United 3; Bristol Rovers 2, Reading 0; Swindon 4, Tottenham 1; Brighton 2, Colchester 2.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: **National division:** Barry 2, Haverfordwest 1; Briton Ferry 1, Cardiff 1; Bridgend 2, Pembroke 1; Caerleon 1, Port Talbot 2; Cwmbran 0, Pontllanfraith 1; Maesteg 0, Abergavenny 1. **Premier division:** Ammanford 1, Blaenrhondda 1; Llanelli 1, Llandarcy 0; Panteg 6, Abercynon 1; South Wales Police 1, Newport 0; Tonyrefail 3, Morriston 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: **Premier division:** Bideford 1, Frome 1; Chard 3, Torrington 3; Chippenham 5, Mangotsfield 1; Clevedon 4, Dawlish 1; Liskeard 1, Taunton 0; Paulton 1, Radstock 0; Plymouth Argyle 2, Weston-super-Mare 1; Swanage and Herston 4; Barnstaple 1; Welton 1, Saltash 1.

Third division

Aldershot	1	Chester	1
Blackpool	1	Cardiff	0
Bolton	5	Chesterfld	0
Brentford	2	Port Vale	1
Bristol R	5	Huddrsfld	1
Gillnghm	1	Wolves	3
Mansfield	2	Bristol C	2
Northptn	1	Reading	3
Notts Co	0	Fulham	1
Sheff Utd	2	Bury	1
Swansea	1	Preston	1

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U	12	6	0	0	20	4	3	1	2	13	10	28
Wolves	13	4	2	0	19	6	4	1	2	16	11	27
Port Vale	13	4	1	1	19	7	3	2	2	12	9	24
Fulham	13	4	2	0	13	6	3	0	4	11	12	23
Reading	13	4	1	1	13	6	3	1	3	11	12	23
Preston	13	4	1	1	14	8	2	3	2	7	5	22
Swansea	12	3	3	1	9	8	3	1	1	7	5	22
Bristol R	13	5	1	1	18	8	1	2	3	8	13	21
Bury	12	4	1	1	11	5	2	1	3	8	9	20
Mansfield	13	3	4	0	13	9	1	4	1	3	3	20
Bristol C	13	2	2	2	9	8	3	3	1	9	7	20
Bolton	13	4	2	1	16	7	1	2	3	6	7	19
Brentford	13	4	1	2	10	8	1	2	3	8	11	18
Chester	13	3	3	0	9	3	1	3	3	11	20	18
Huddersfld	13	3	2	1	9	4	2	0	5	5	15	17
Blackpool	13	3	2	2	11	9	1	2	3	7	8	15
Wigan	12	2	2	1	6	4	1	2	4	9	13	13
Northampton	13	3	0	4	14	11	1	1	4	5	12	13
Notts Co	12	1	4	2	9	7	1	2	2	3	6	12
Southend	13	3	2	2	9	7	0	1	5	5	17	12
Cardiff	13	1	1	5	7	6	0	3	3	3	13	7
Gillingham	13	1	0	6	8	14	1	1	4	5	11	7
Aldershot	13	1	2	4	6	11	0	2	4	5	17	7
Chesterfld	13	1	1	4	5	13	1	0	6	2	24	7

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: **Premier division:** Brigg 6, Hallam 0; Denaby 2, North Ferriby 2; Emley 2, Belper 0; Grimethorpe MW 3, Ossett 2; Harrogate Railway 0, Bridlington 1; Long Eaton 1, Guiseley 0; Thackley 0, Armthorpe Welfare 5.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: **Raab Karcher Cup: Second round:** Colwyn Bay 7, Cheadle 0. **Second round replays:** Atherton Collieries 1, Wren 2; Atherton LR 0, Padiham 1; Formby 1, Chadderton 1 (Formby win on away goals; first match was 2-2). **First division:** Bootle 1, Clitheroe 1; Burscough 0, St Helens 3; Flixton 2, Ellesmere Port and Neston 2; Leyland Motors 0, Knowsley 1; Prescot Cables 2, Ashton 1; Rossendale 4, Salford 2; Warrington 4, Skelmersdale 1.

Fourth division

Burnley	2	Cambridge	0
Doncaster	1	Leyton O	0
Exeter	1	Crewe	2
Grimsby	3	Halifax	2
Hartlepool	1	Hereford	1
Lincoln	0	Carlisle	2
Peterboro	1	Scunthrpe	2
Rochdale	2	Darlingtn	2
Scarboro	1	Rotherhm	0
Torquay	3	Tranmere	2
Wrexham	2	York	1

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Burnley	13	6	1	0	18	3	1	3	2	3	7	25
Rotherham	13	3	2	1	11	4	4	1	2	11	4	24
Scarboro	13	3	4	0	13	8	3	2	1	15	9	24
Crewe	13	3	2	1	10	7	3	3	1	9	5	23
Rochdale	13	4	2	1	10	7	2	2	2	13	14	22
Scunthorpe	13	3	2	1	9	7	3	1	3	10	10	21
Doncaster	13	4	1	2	11	11	2	1	3	4	8	20
Cambridge	13	4	1	1	14	9	2	0	5	8	14	19
Torquay	13	5	0	2	12	6	1	1	4	5	12	19
Wrexham	13	2	4	1	12	9	2	2	2	10	12	18
Tranmere	13	3	1	2	5	4	1	5	1	9	9	18
Lincoln	13	3	2	2	10	9	2	1	3	7	9	18
Halifax	13	3	1	2	19	9	2	1	4	14	16	17
Exeter	13	4	1	2	15	8	1	1	4	5	13	17
Hereford	13	3	1	2	13	12	2	1	4	10	13	17
Leyton O	13	4	1	1	18	3	0	3	4	3	11	16
Stockport	13	2	3	1	7	3	1	4	2	8	7	16
Grimsby	13	3	2	2	7	9	1	2	3	8	12	16
Hartlepool	13	3	1	3	8	11	2	0	4	5	18	16
Peterboro	13	3	1	3	9	9	0	4	2	5	11	14
York	13	2	2	2	14	11	2	0	5	3	15	14
Carlisle	13	1	3	2	6	8	1	3	3	10	13	12
Colchester	13	2	1	4	8	10	1	2	3	4	15	12
Darlington	13	0	5	1	7	10	0	1	6	8	17	6

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: **Premier division:** Alvechurch 0, Ashford 0; Cambridge City 0, Corby 2; Wealdstone 3, Bedworth 1. **Midland division:** Ashtree Highfield 1, Banbury 1; Coventry Sporting 1, Wellingborough 1; Forest Green 3, Sutton Coldfield 3; Grantham 2, Willenhall 2; Hednesford 2, Gloucester 1; Mile Oak 1, King's Lynn 1; Nuneaton 2, Bilston 2; Rushden 0, Atherstone 1; Stourbridge 0, Spalding 0. **Southern division:** Baldock 0, Burnham 1; Bury Town 0, Dunstable 0; Canterbury 3, Poole 3; Corinthian 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Folkestone 2, Andover 0; Hastings 3, Hounslow 2; Ruislip 2, Thanet 2; Salisbury 0, Buckingham 1; Sheppey 3, Witney 3; Trowbridge 0, Erith and Belvedere 0. **Westgate Insurance Cup: First round, second leg:** Tamworth 3, Leicester United 0 (aet; agg: 3-1).

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Celtic	2	Dundee	3
Dundee Utd	1	Mothe[illegible]	1
Hamilton	0	Hiber[illegible]	3
Hearts	1	Aberd[illegible]	1
St Mirren	1	Range[illegible]	1

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	11	3	1	0	9	2	5	1	1	18	4	18
Hibernian	12	3	1	1	5	2	2	4	1	7	4	15
Aberdeen	11	2	2	0	4	2	2	5	0	10	7	15
Dundee Utd	12	1	4	2	5	6	4	0	1	10	2	14
Celtic	12	5	0	2	17	9	1	0	4	4	10	12
St Mirren	12	2	3	2	5	4	2	1	2	8	11	12
Dundee	11	2	2	1	5	6	1	3	2	5	7	11
Hearts	12	1	3	3	9	12	1	2	2	4	2	9
Motherwell	12	0	3	2	4	7	0	3	4	5	10	6
Hamilton	11	2	0	5	2	14	0	0	4	3	8	4

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: **First division:** Billingham 1, Chester-le-Street 2; Easington 3, Crook 0; Gretna 1, South Bank 0; Newcastle Blue Star 5, Ferryhill 2; Seaham Red Star 1, Durham 1; Shildon 1, North Shields 5; Stockton 2, Blyth 2.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Athlone 0, Waterford 1; Cork 3, Cobh Ramblers 0; Dundalk 5, Galway 1; Limerick 3, Bohemians 1; Shamrock Rovers 0, St Patrick's Athletic 4; Shelbourne 0, Derry 5.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: **Premier division:** Barking 4, Bishop's Stortford 0; Bromley 3, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Croydon 0, Leytonstone/Ilford 3; Leyton-Wingate 4, Marlow 0; St Albans 1, Carshalton 1; Wokingham 3, Harrow 1. **First division:** Basingstoke 4, Kingsbury 0; Boreham Wood 2, Basildon 0; Chalfont St Peter 4, Worthing 1; Collier Row 2, Hampton 2; Hitchin 1, Bracknell 1; Leatherhead 2, Lewes 2; Southwick 4, Metropolitan Police 0; Staines 1, Chesham 1; Wembley 2, Uxbridge 3. **Second division north:** Berkhamsted 3, Clapton 3; Billericay 1, Barton 2; Hertford 0, Harlow 0; Heybridge Swifts 3, Letchworth GC 0; Purfleet 3, Ware 0; Rainham 3, Wolverton 1; Saffron Walden 1, Aveley 1; Stevenage Borough 3, Witham 1; Tilbury 0, Royston 0; Tring 2, Hemel Hempstead 1; Vauxhall Motors 1, Hornchurch 1. **Second division south:** Banstead 1, Finchley 2; Dorking 1, Eastbourne 1; Egham 3, Harefield 0; Feltham 5, Flackwell Heath 0; Horsham 0, Whyteleafe 2; Maidenhead 0, Southall 2; Molesey 0, Chertsey 1; Newbury 2, Camberley 0; Petersfield 0, Hungerford 1; Ruislip Manor 1, Epsom and Ewell 1.

First division

Ayr	1	Clyde	1
Falkirk	3	Raith Rov	1
Forfar	1	Airdrie	1
Morton	1	Dunfermline	0
Partick	1	Meadowbnk	1
Queen Of S	0	Clydebank	3
St Johnstne	2	Kilmarnock	0

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	12	4	1	2	6	4	4	1	0	11	5	18
Falkirk	12	3	1	2	8	6	4	1	1	15	9	16
St Johnstone	12	5	1	0	12	4	1	2	3	8	9	15
Airdrie	12	3	3	0	12	4	1	3	2	7	6	14
Clydebank	12	1	4	0	11	10	3	2	2	14	6	14
Dunfermline	12	5	0	1	12	6	1	2	3	7	9	14
Meadowbank	12	3	1	2	8	8	2	3	1	5	3	14
Forfar	12	3	3	1	9	7	1	2	2	7	8	13
Ayr	12	2	3	1	14	12	1	2	2	4	7	13
Clyde	12	1	2	3	6	13	2	3	1	6	6	11
Kilmarnock	12	1	1	3	7	8	1	3	3	9	16	8
Raith	12	1	2	2	4	6	1	1	5	6	12	7
Partick	12	0	3	3	7	13	2	0	4	9	12	7
Queen of S	12	1	1	4	5	14	0	1	5	5	14	4

Second division

Albion Rvrs	2	Montrose	1
Brechin	2	Berwick	0
Cowdenbth	1	Arbroath	1
Dumbarton	3	E Stirling	0
Queens Pk	0	Alloa	2
Stirling Alb	3	E Fife	1
Stranraer	2	Stenhousemuir	1

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling	12	6	0	1	19	10	2	1	2	9	9	17
Arbroath	12	2	2	1	13	9	4	2	1	11	5	16
Stranraer	12	3	2	1	11	7	3	1	2	9	8	15
Albion	12	5	2	0	13	6	1	1	3	7	12	15
Brechin	12	2	2	2	9	8	3	2	1	11	7	14
Cowdenbeath	12	3	2	1	9	9	2	2	2	7	9	14
Montrose	12	4	0	2	11	8	2	1	3	10	9	13
Queens Pk	12	3	2	1	7	4	1	2	3	8	9	12
E Fife	12	3	2	1	10	5	1	2	3	8	12	12
E Stirling	12	4	1	1	13	10	0	3	3	7	12	12
Alloa	12	3	1	1	10	7	1	2	4	7	11	11
Stenhousemuir	12	2	3	1	7	8	1	0	5	6	15	9
Dumbarton	12	2	1	4	9	13	0	1	4	3	9	6
Berwick	12	1	0	4	3	8	0	0	7	7	17	2

DERBYSHIRE SENIOR CUP: **Second round:** Glossop 0, Heanor 2.

STAFFORDSHIRE VASE: **First round:** Newcastle Town 5, Leek CSOB 0.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: **First division:** Old Bradfieldians 4, Old Westminsters 3; Old Etonians 3, Old Wykehamists 1.

GM Vauxhall Conference

Boston	5	Barnet	0

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kettering	13	7	0	0	15	5	2	2	2	7	9	29
Macclesfld	15	5	2	1	18	9	3	1	3	15	13	27
Welling	16	4	3	1	18	6	3	2	3	6	12	26
Kidderminstr	15	2	3	1	9	9	5	1	3	22	16	25
Maidstone	15	4	2	2	21	11	3	1	3	16	12	24
Fisher	14	5	2	1	22	12	2	1	3	7	10	24
Boston	13	4	1	2	15	14	3	2	1	9	7	24
Altrincham	14	3	3	1	10	7	3	1	3	11	14	22
Northwich	13	3	1	3	12	11	3	2	1	15	9	21
Chorley	15	4	0	2	12	8	3	0	6	11	19	21
Runcorn	15	2	2	2	8	8	3	3	3	20	16	20
Wycombe	14	3	2	2	10	14	2	2	3	11	9	19
Sutton Utd	13	5	0	1	18	8	0	4	3	6	10	19
Yeovil	16	2	5	2	13	11	2	2	3	10	16	19
Cheltenham	14	4	1	3	14	14	1	2	3	8	9	18
Barnet	13	2	1	3	9	12	3	2	2	16	15	18
Telford	14	2	1	4	7	8	3	1	3	7	8	17
Enfield	15	2	1	4	8	11	2	3	3	9	12	16
Stafford	12	3	0	3	10	8	2	0	4	5	9	15
Weymouth	12	3	2	1	9	8	0	0	6	3	12	11
Newport	15	2	3	3	10	15	0	1	6	4	19	10
Aylesbury	14	1	0	6	9	15	0	2	5	8	23	5

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: **Premier division:** Bangor City 3, Mossley 2; Goole 0, Marine 1; Hyde 3, Matlock 1; Rhyl 2, Morecambe 1; Shepshed 3, Gateshead 1; Stalybridge 1, Horwich 1; Witton 3, Worksop 1. **First division:** Alfreton 0, Bishop Auckland 3; Congleton 0, Colne Dynamoes 0; Curzon Ashton 2, Newtown 2; Eastwood 1, Droylsden 2; Harrogate 3, Workington 0; Netherfield 1, Farsley 2; Penrith 2, Winsford 0; Radcliffe 2, Eastwood Hanley 1; Sutton Town 4, Accrington Stanley 0; Whitley Bay 1, Irlam 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Auxerre 2, Strasbourg 1; Caen 1, Laval 1; Cannes 1, Bordeaux 1; Lille 2, Nice 0; Monaco 1, Lens 0; Nimes 1, Metz 0; Paris Saint-Germain 0, Marseille 0; Sochaux 2, Montpellier 0; Toulon 1, Matra-Racing 0; Toulouse 3, Saint-Etienne 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 2, Bologna 0; Cesena 0, Napoli 1; Fiorentina 2, Torino 1; Inter Milan 2, Roma 0; Juventus 0, AC Milan 0; Lazio 1, Como 1; Lecce 1, Pisa 0; Pescara 0, Verona 0; Sampdoria 1, Ascoli 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Cadiz 2, Elche 1; Atletico Madrid 2, Valencia 0; Sevilla 1, Osasuna 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Gijon 4; Logrones 1, Real Sociedad 1; Celta 0, Betis 0; Murcia 0, Real Madrid 3; Barcelona 1, Zaragoza 0; Malaga 1, Espanol 0; Oviedo 0, Valladolid 1.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: SV Hamburg 1, Karlsruhe 1; VfB Stuttgart 2, SV Waldhof Mannheim 0; Bayern Munich 3, Stuttgart Kickers 0; Hanover 96 2, St Pauli 2; Borussia Dortmund 0, Cologne 4; Werder Bremen 3, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 1, Nuremberg 1; Kaiserslautern 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 0.

POOLS CHECK

1	1	1	1	2	1	1½	●3	1½	1	1½	1	1	1	●3	1½	●3	1	1
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

1	1½	●3	1	1	1	1	1½	●3	1½	1½	1	●3	1	1	1½	1	●3	1½
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38

1½	●3	1	1	1	1½	●3	1½	●3	●3	●3	1	●3	1	●3	1½	1
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55

MOTOR RACING: TWO GREAT SCOTS ARE OVERTAKEN AS A TWO-MAN-RACE ENDS AT LAST IN THE RAIN OF SUZUKA

Senna and team home but not so dry

By John Blunsden

Ayrton Senna's season-long battle with Alain Prost for the Formula One drivers' world championship ended yesterday with his decisive victory in the Japanese Grand Prix. It was his eighth race success of the season, beating the previous record of seven grand prix victories shared by Jackie Stewart and the late Jim Clark.

"I feel great," he enthused after a majestic drive which even he had to concede ranked among the best of his Formula One career. "I still can't believe it's over," he added in reference to his seven-month seesaw battle with his Marlboro McLaren partner.

The championship was heading Senna's way from early on the 28th lap of the 51-lap race when, having recovered from a stalled start which had left him only fourteenth away from the line and eighth *at the end of the opening lap*, the Brazilian carved his way through the field on a circuit made slippery by a light drizzle before sweeping past Prost into a lead he was to *hold for the remainder of the* race.

Thierry Boutsen drove his Ford DFR-powered Benetton into third place for the sixth time this season, and his team partner, Alessandro Nannini, was heading for fourth position until he was overtaken by Gerhard Berger's Ferrari in the closing minutes of the race.

Riccardo Patrese was the only other driver to complete the full race distance, claiming sixth place with his Williams-Judd, but for the second time in consecutive years at Suzuka Nigel Mansell's Williams became airborne before it crashed out of contention. Last year his serious practice accident ended his racing season, but yesterday he escaped injury after colliding with Nelson Piquet's Lotus-Honda early in the race when running well down the field after a quick pit-stop.

As the light rain had stopped shortly before the race, everyone had elected to start on dry Goodyear tyres, but a further shower began on lap 14, sending several drivers sliding out of the race, although Michele Alboreto managed to extricate his Ferrari from a gravel trap and continued, finishing eleventh.

The rain eased off again, only to return six laps from the finish, by which time Senna was cruising towards the chequered flag and the championship, although sufficiently anxious about the conditions to try to pursuade race officials, using hand signals, to halt the grand prix. He failed.

Both the Arrows dropped out, but the Tyrrell team showed improved form, Jonathan Palmer climbing to eighth place before making a pit stop, which eventually dropped him to 12th, two places ahead of Julian Bailey's car.

● VIENNA (Reuter) — Gerhard Berger, of Austria, the Ferrari driver, has threatened to emigrate to Monaco unless his government drops its demand that he do military service.

DETAILS FROM SUZUKA

JAPANESE GRAND PRIX: 1, A Senna (Br), Marlboro McLaren-Honda, 51 laps, 1hr 33min 26.173sec, 119.228mph; 2, A Prost (Fr), Marlboro McLaren-Honda, 1hr 33min 39.536sec; 3, T Boutsen (Bel), Benetton-Ford DFR, 1hr 34min 02.282sec; 4, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1hr 34min 52.887sec; 5, A Nannini (It), Benetton-Ford DFR, 1hr 34min 56.776sec; 6, R Patrese (It), Williams-Judd, 1hr 35min 03.788sec; 7, S Nakajima (Japan), Camel Lotus-Honda, 50 laps; 8, P Streiff (Fr), AGS-Ford, 50 laps; 9, P Alliot (Fr), LC Lola-Ford, 50 laps; 10, M Gugelmin (Br), March-Judd, 50 laps; 11, M Alboreto (It), Ferrari, 50 laps; 12, J Palmer (GB), Tyrrell-Ford, 50 laps; 13, P Martini (It), Minardi-Ford, 49 laps; 14, J Bailey (GB), Tyrrell-Ford, 49 laps; 15, L Sala (Sp), Minardi-Ford, 49 laps; 16, A Suzuki (Japan), LC Lola-Ford, 48 laps; 17, R Arnoux (Fr), Ligier Loto-Judd, 48 laps.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Senna, 87pts (world champion); 2, Prost, 84; 3, Berger, 41; 4, Boutsen, 29; 5, Alboreto, 24; 6, Piquet, 18; equal 7, Nannini and Warwick, 15; 9, Capelli, 14; 10, Mansell, 12; equal 11, Cheever, Gugelmin, Palmer and Patrese, 5; 15, de Cesaris, 3; equal 16, Martini and Nakajima, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Honda, 184pts (world champions); 2, Ferrari, 65; 3, Benetton-Ford, 44; 4, Arrows-Megatron, 20; 5, March-Judd, 16; equal 6, Lotus-Honda and Williams-Judd, 17; 8, Tyrrell-Ford, 5; 9, Rial-Ford, 3; 10, Minardi-Ford, 1.

Champion of the world of high speed: Senna uses hand signals to drive home his message

TENNIS

Maleeva's exit is almost too quiet for Graf's liking

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf won nine games in a row to beat Manuela Maleeva 6-2, 6-0 in the singles final of the Midland Group championships at the Brighton Centre yesterday. This was Graf's 44th consecutive win and the 70th of a year in which has only twice been beaten.

Graf's prize of £28,400 was hardly dented by the load of compact discs she carried home ("I've never bought so much music"). Her only other assignments this year will be the Virginia Slims championships in New York and, possibly, the world team championship in Melbourne, from December 4 to 11.

Graf and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch won that title for West Germany last year, but several celebrities are reluctant to play in Australia so soon before Christmas.

Maleeva, who tends to look dejected before there is any cause to do so, is thoughtful and solid, varies the pace and angle of her shots, but basically relies on deep drives from both flanks. The pattern of her game is predictable because she plays from the head, never indulging the heart.

Maleeva began well, concentrating on Graf's backhand in an effort to avert mayhem. But Graf was soon at her best, overpowering the Bulgarian with fierce forehands and services and disrupting her rhythm with drop shots and heavily sliced backhands. Graf's adjustments of the racket head were so facile as almost to escape notice.

The Franco-American doubles final forecast by the seedings was almost ruined by Jo Durie and Sharon Walsh-Pete, playing their last tournament in harness before Walsh-Pete retires from full-time tennis to become a promoter. This is the same Walsh who, aged 18, quelled Virginia Wade and Winnie Shaw with booming backhands in the 1970 Dewar Cup tournament in Edinburgh.

In most respects this slickly organized Brighton tournament was admirable. A strong field produced attractive tennis in a comfortable setting and there were refreshing contributions from such promising youngsters as Nathalie Tauziat, Jana Pospisilova, and Maria Strandlund.

Vaguely disquieting features were the inhibited reaction of the public and the modest quality of the doubles draw. Only three of the eight singles seeds competed in the doubles. In the women's game, as in the men's, the status of doubles has declined. The leading players can earn all and more than they need from the singles, without the chore of competing in doubles — often late in the evenings.

The overpaid celebrities (of both sexes) need reminding that doubles is an exciting part of roles as entertainers. Even in singles, their personalities tend to be suppressed, with seldom a hint that there is pleasure — as well as profit — in playing a game for a living.

This neglect of the 'fun' element communicates itself to the public, especially in such a formal environment as that at the Brighton Centre. There were times, this past week, when the quietly attentive public were more like a church congregation than a crowd at a sports event.

Most players, men and women, would have to seek other jobs if their incomes depended on gate receipts rather than sponsors. But the withdrawal of sponsors is about as likely as home rule for Midhurst.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Graf (WG) bt L McNeil (US), 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, M Maleeva (Bul) bt P Shriver (US), 7-6, 2-1 (ret). Final: Graf bt Maleeva, 6-2, 6-0. Doubles: Semi-finals: I Demongeot and N Tauziat (Fr) bt J Durie (Avon) and S Walsh-Pete (US), 6-7, 6-1, 7-5, L McNeil and B Nagelsen (US) bt I Budarova (Cz) and C Wood (GB), 6-1, 6-4. Final: McNeil and Nagelsen bt Demongeot and Tauziat, 7-6, 2-6, 7-6.

Mansdorf strikes gold

From Richard Evans, Paris

In a match that is usually played in Tel Aviv, Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, won the biggest title of his career when he defeated Brad Gilbert, of the United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 in the final of the Paris Open.

Three of the four previous meetings between these two had been played in Tel Aviv, a tournament that Gilbert, also Jewish, always supports. Usually he beats Mansdorf, as he did two weeks ago, in straight sets.

But yesterday Gilbert was never in the match as Mansdorf hammered away at the big points, covered the court with great speed and passed brilliantly.

Mansdorf earned $262,000 (about £150,000), more than 10 times his previous highest pay cheque. And that was a reward he could hardly have envisaged when he was drawn to play Mats Wilander in the first round. But when the World No. 1 withdrew, Mansdorf grabbed his luck with both hands.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: B Gilbert (US) bt T Mayotte (US), 7-5, 6-3; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-6, 7-6. Final: Mansdorf bt Gilbert, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3. Doubles: Final: P Annacone (US) and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Grabb (US) and C van Rensburg (SA), 6-2, 6-2.

GOLF

Taya adds Spanish title to collection

From Patricia Davies, Barcelona

Victory at the Woolmark matchplay championship at Barcelona yesterday not only gave Marie-Laure de Lorenzi de Taya her sixth victory of the season, but also took her takings in prize-money alone to over £90,000.

After a gruelling competition both Taya and her final opponent, Alison Nicholas, were a little weary, but Taya, whose win against Debbie Dowling in the quarter-finals on Saturday had assured her of top spot in the Woolmark order of merit, quickly established control.

She birdied the first hole and won the second with a par three, and although she dropped a shot to lose the third, she was four up after nine thanks to two more birdies of her own and a dropped shot by Nicholas.

From then on, it was an unequal struggle for Nicholas, who found herself five down after 16 and facing an indigestible lunch. She won the next two holes, however, to give her supporters hope of a comeback.

But it was not to be. Taya had another birdie at the first hole of the final round to move four ahead again, and try as she might Nicholas could never reduce the deficit to below three.

Taya had changed her stance and grip and was much more confident than she had been earlier in the week. When she rammed in a 15-footer for the match-winning birdie at the 16th, she was four under par for the holes played and £10,000 richer.

RESULTS (GB and I unless stated). Third round: M-L de Taya (Fr) bt D Dowling, 2 and 1; C Griffiths bt M Jones (US), 5 and 4; M Thomson bt C Dibnah (Aus), 2 and 1; A Nicholas bt S Strudwick, 1 hole. Semi-finals: Taya bt Griffiths, 1 hole; Nicholas bt Thomson, 2 and 1. Final: Taya bt Nicholas, 4 and 2. Third place play-off: Thomson bt Griffiths, 1 hole. Sides game: X Wunsch (Sp). Shoot-out: M Jones (US).

BOWLS

Wood lets Scots down

By David Rhys Jones

Scots excelled in the CIS United Kingdom championships at the weekend until Willie Wood met Brian Duncan, the top crown green bowler, yesterday afternoon and lost in straight sets.

Joyce Lindores got Scotland off to a flying start by winning *the inaugural women's* singles on Saturday morning, and Colin Sommerville, the Scottish champion, kept up the momentum by beating the holder, Tony Allcock, in the first game of the men's event.

Richard Corsie, Ian Bruce and John Watson continued the surge but Wood prospered only intermittently against Duncan, who plays at Lostock Hall, three miles from the Preston Guild Hall. Wood's tenacity and occa*sional brilliance kept him in the* match for longer than his form warranted. Duncan's was consistent and the contrast created a thrilling encounter.

Wood twice drew to within inches of the jack to save the first set, once on the brink of the ditch, but Duncan had his own brand of magic. He turned four down into one up in the first set, and one down into four up in the second, glancing off a short bowl to win the match.

RESULTS: Women's singles: Final: J Lindores (Scot) b A Evans (Scot), 7-6, 7-3. Men's singles: First round: J C Sommerville (Scot) bt T Allcock (Eng), 5-7, 7-3, 7-3; R Corsie (Scot) bt C Craig (Ire), 7-3, 6-7, 7-4; S Rees (Wales) bt R Crawshaw (crown green), 7-6, 7-5; I Bruce (Scot) bt A Mathias (Wales), 7-6, 7-1; J G Baker (Ire) bt K Renwick (Eng), 7-1, 5-7, 7-3; P J Bransfield (Eng) bt T Sullivan (Wales), 7-4, 7-4; J Watson (Scot) bt A Smillie (Scot), 7-3, 7-4; B Duncan (crown green) bt W W *Wood (Scot), 7-4, 7-4; B McKelvey (Ire) bt* D Corkill (Ire), 7-5, 7-2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Fearless Ward and Waddell drill the holes to victory

By Keith Macklin

Great Britain 30
Rest of the World 28

Victory for Great Britain was perfect, the 10 tries provided perfect entertainment, and surely Malcolm Reilly will put *the seal of perfection on* Britain's day by deciding to stay on as coach.

Not that everything in the garden was lovely. Three British players, Beardmore, Mike Gregory and Edwards suffered injuries, and *there were those* diehards among the 12,409 crowd at Headingley who were not totally satisfied with the entertainment, expecting a little more blood and thunder from this Whitbread Trophy challenge match.

Two men who gave total commitment were the Great Britain prop forwards, Kevin Ward and Hugh Waddell. They were fearless and tireless throughout, and drove huge *holes in the Rest of the World* defence, setting up a feast of try-scoring opportunities.

Great Britain started slowly, fell behind twice, dominated most of the second half, and then allowed the Rest of the World two late tries after they had led 30-18.

The World side contributed to the entertainment with some excellent, exciting passing moves, and in Gavin Miller, the Australian forward who plays for Hull Kingston Rovers, they had the most constructive forward on the field. Not far behind him was another powerful back *row man in the New* Zealand and Wakefield Trinity captain, Mark Graham.

Great Britain went six points down when Ella sent over Graham and O'Connor kicked the goal, but almost immediately a neat move saw Stephenson send over Edwards, with Stephenson landing the goal. However, Schofield dropped the ball near his own line and Cleal picked up the ball and romped over, with O'Connor adding the goal. *Britain* were level at the interval when Andy Gregory sent over Stephenson.

Great Britain got on top in the second half. Offiah picked up a loose ball to weave his way through the Rest of the World defence, Andy Gregory chipped over the top to put in Hanley, and Schofield atoned by getting the final try, Stephenson completing five goals.

Rest of the World produced a highly respectable scoreline with tries from Brown, Ratier and O'Connor.

SCORERS: Great Britain: Goals: Stephenson 5, Tries: Edwards, Stephenson, Offiah, Hanley, Schofield. Rest of the World: Goals: O'Connor 4, Tries: Graham, Cleal, Brown, Ratier, O'Connor.

GREAT BRITAIN: P Loughlin (St Helens); D Plange (Castleford), G Schofield, D Stephenson (Leeds), M Offiah (Widnes); S Edwards, A Gregory (Wigan); K Ward, K Beardmore (Castleford), H Waddell (Leeds), M Gregory (Warrington), A Platt, *E Hanley (Wigan)*.

REST OF THE WORLD: D Shearer (Australia); A Krewanty, B Numapo (Papua New Guinea), M O'Connor (Australia), H Ratier (France); S Ella, A Langer (Australia); K Sorensen (New Zealand), T Valero (France), S Backo (Australia), M Graham (New Zealand), N Cleal (Australia), G Miller (Australia).

Referee: J Holdsworth (Leeds).

York wreck Leigh's record

by Keith Macklin

York have had several seasons of failure and mediocrity, but they came to life yesterday and played brilliant rugby to destroy Leigh's 100 per cent second division record. York produced some scintillating handling before their biggest crowd of the season to win 37-18.

Delighted to hear the news from York were Barrow, who consolidated third place in the table by beating Carlisle 28-6 at Gillford Park. Carlisle scored first through Langton, and could have gone further ahead had not Langton dropped the ball before an open Barrow line. When Barrow got a grip on the game their fast running and slick *handling produced* five tries with the Australian forward, Cavill Heugh, blasting through several tackles for a spectacular individual touchdown.

Bramley continued their rapid rise up the table by thrashing Dewsbury 62-14.

Supporters of Workington Town, the unfancied second division side, applauded their team off the field when, at half-time, they were level 0-0 with Castleford, the undefeated first division leaders, in the preliminary round of the John Player Special Trophy. However, Town's great effort faltered in the second half when Castleford scored five tries and four goals to win 28-2.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: Wigan St Patrick's 32, *Elland 2; Featherstone Rovers 46, Hunslet* 2; Workington Town 2, Castleford 28.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Whitehaven 36, Chorley 14; Bramley 62, Dewsbury 14; Mansfield 2, Swinton 24; Batley 39, Rochdale 14; Runcorn 20, Fulham 12; Carlisle 6, Barrow 28; York 37, Leigh 18.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh	9	8	0	1	288	146	16
Doncstr	8	8	0	0	236	99	16
Barrow	9	7	1	1	217	105	15
Bramley	9	7	0	2	269	130	14
Swinton	10	6	1	3	269	174	13
Keighley	9	6	0	3	201	217	12
Batley	9	4	2	3	179	154	10
Whitehaven	9	5	0	4	185	168	10
Dewsbry	9	5	0	4	161	262	10
York	9	4	1	4	204	148	9
Sheffld	9	4	1	4	148	135	9
Rochdle	9	4	0	5	208	258	8
Carlisle	9	3	1	5	152	156	7
Workngtn	7	3	0	4	146	142	6
Fulham	8	3	0	5	164	185	6
Chorley	10	2	0	8	138	222	4
Mansfld	9	2	0	7	118	212	4
Runcorn	9	2	0	7	125	264	4
Hunslet	*7*	*1*	*0*	*6*	*84*	*144*	*2*
Huddersfld	9	0	1	8	123	236	1

TABLE TENNIS

Rout gives China the series

By Richard Eaton

By winning 6-0, China, the world's leading table tennis nation, went dormie four in the 12-match series against England in the eighth match at Folkestone yesterday. It was their third win in a row after beating England 5-1 at Southampton on Saturday.

The latest one-sided scoreline might easily have been different had the opening two contests, both cliff hangers, gone the other way. Desmond Douglas, England's No. 1, retrieved a deficit of eight points and tenaciously saved a match point to level the scores at 20-20 in the final game without ever playing at his best against Hui Jun, the former Asian champion. But two misses under pressure with his forehand loop brought Douglas defeat by 17-21, 21-19, 20-22.

Then Carl Prean, the national Top Twelve champion, came from a six-point deficit in the final game against Chen Zhibin to hold the match point at 20-19 before losing 24-22, 7-21, 20-22. Chen, the Scandinavian Open champion with the fiery forehand, went on to beat Douglas in straight games, his sixth win in a row. Chen also has 14 wins out of 19 on the tour, including the televised matches prior to this series.

At Southampton on Saturday Prean was England's only winner when he served well and his forehand looped aggressively to come from three points down to beat Hui Jun 16-21, 21-10, 21-19. England's best hopes of getting a win on the series appear to be on Wednesday night at Hinckley when for the only time they have their top trio of Douglas, Prean and Cooke in action.

SATURDAY: England 1, China 5 (England names first): A Cooke lost to Wang, 17-21, 21-16, 11-21; C Prean lost to Chen, 17-21, 21-23; M Mason lost to Hui, 12-21, 13-21; Cooke lost to Chen, 15-21, 16-21; Prean *bt Hui, 18-21, 21-10, 21-19; Mason lost to* Fan, 19-21; 7-21.

HOCKEY

Bhaura inspirational for Indian Gymkhana

By Sydney Friskin

Indian Gymkhana 3
Hounslow 1

Indian Gymkhana delivered another telling blow in the Poundstretcher National League at Feltham yesterday by defeating Hounslow a week after they had beaten Southgate. After an uncertain start in the competition Gymkhana are now ready to challenge the best, and they are running so strongly that it is going to be difficult to stop them.

Kulbir Bhaura, from the Great Britain Olympic squad, was the brain behind Gymkhana's attacking ploys and also did much to stabilize the defence. Hounslow, unfortunately, made costly mistakes at the back *and could have done with a* similar helping hand.

The first big mistake in the Hounslow defence cost them a goal, Williamson's free hit going straight to Charanjit Bhaura, who sent Ubbey on his way to drive a hard shot past Pappin in the ninth minute.

Hounslow had the better of the next 10 minutes, but after Pappin had saved a shot by Ubbey it took another defensive lapse to put them on level terms. Badar Butt attempting to backpass presented Grimley with a gift which he accepted readily.

Ubbey was irrepressible, and two minutes before the interval he found an easy passage into the circle where he was obstructed by Pappin to concede a penalty stroke which was *adeptly converted by Daved.*

The second half had barely started when Gymkhana increased their lead from a short corner, Ubbey flicking home.

HOUNSLOW: V Pappin; M Williamson, G Swayne, J Potter, A Ferns, J Rees, A Diamond (sub: P Soor), D Hacker, N Gordon, R Thompson, M Grimley.

INDIAN GYMKHANA: P Stotesbury; A Munro, B Saini, B Flora, B Daved, B Butt, G Soor, D Rehncy, I Ubbey, K Bhaura, C Bhaura (sub: W Butt).

Umpires: R Nourse (Eastern Counties), R Parry (Southern Counties).

Loughtonians keep their record intact

By Sydney Friskin

Old Loughtonians.......... 4
Teddington 1

Ian Jennings attracted much of the afternoon's attention at Chigwell on Saturday by converting the two penalty strokes which put Old Loughtonians on the road to victory over Teddington in the first division of the Poundstretcher National *League*.

Jennings, a sergeant in the Army Physical Training Corps, has made nine appearances for England and has played for several clubs including Southgate, but now appears to have *settled comfortably into his new* environment. His game as a centre half has matured, and England's selectors are believed to be watching him closely.

A close second to Jennings in creative skill was Morris, on the right of the home side's three front runners.

Teddington had cause to reflect on their mistakes in defence and count the cost of those two penalty strokes, after eight minutes of the first half and seven minutes of the second.

McGuire, two minutes later, scored for Teddington, also from a penalty stroke, but goals from Morris, after 51 minutes, and Gladman, two minutes before the end, saw Loughtonians, unbeaten this season, home.

OLD LOUGHTONIANS: C Greenwood; S Ashton, S Crymble, D Camilleri, J Halls, P Krishman (sub: A McLeod), I Jennings, P Anderson, P Morris, N Thompson, C Gladman.

TEDDINGTON: G Meredith; C Camburn, M Riley, P Smith, P McGuire, I Lang, T Walker, J Royce, R Benzies, N Barker, A Billson.

Umpires: R Horst (Southern Counties) and P Broughton (Eastern Counties).

Havant regain lead thanks to Faulkner

The lead in the Poundstretcher National League that was held by **Old Loughtonians** on Saturday evening was restored after yesterday's play to **Havant**, who defeated **Slough** 1-0 through a goal scored from a penalty stroke by Faulkner, the Great Britain fullback (Sydney Friskin writes). **Hounslow** were pushed down to fourth place after their 3-1 defeat by **Indian Gymkhana**.

Welton, from Yorkshire, continued their chase of the leaders with a 3-0 victory over **Warrington**, *while* **Isca** ended their lean spell of three defeats with a 4-2 win over **Harborne**. Skinner (2), Luxton and Mutter scored for Isca.

Southgate recovered ground on Saturday by defeating **Wakefield** 4-1, Harvey celebrating his first appearance by putting them in the lead in the fourth minute from a short corner. Welch scored twice and Kerly once, but not before Craig, a former Southgate captain, had levelled the score at 1-1 from a penalty stroke. Kerly, however, was sent off with a temporary suspension card for dissent.

A penalty stroke converted by Evans in the 41st minute sufficed to give **Stourport** a 1-0 victory over **Cambridge City**, and in one of the poorest matches so far **Bromley** and **East Grinstead** drew goalless.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	*4*	*4*	*0*	*0*	*7*	*0*	*12*
O Loughtonians	4	3	1	0	11	4	10
Welton	4	3	1	0	7	0	10
Hounslow	4	3	0	1	13	4	9
Southgate	4	3	0	1	11	2	9
Indian G'khana	4	3	0	1	6	5	9
Teddington	4	2	1	1	5	6	7
Stourport	4	2	0	2	8	8	6
Bromley	4	1	2	1	6	5	5
E Grinstead	4	1	1	2	3	3	4
Harborne	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Cambridge C	4	1	0	3	4	9	3
Isca	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Slough	4	0	1	3	2	9	1
Warrington	4	0	0	4	0	9	0

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GWYNEDD: Snowdonia marathon: Men: K Gaskell (Horwich RMI), 2hr 38min 59sec. Women: J Cowper (Imperial, Harrogate), 2:56:43.

NEWPORT: Half marathon: 1, R Nash (Westbury), 1hr 08mins 26sec; 2, E Lee (Pegasus), 1:09:20; 3, I Beard (Abertillery), 1:09:47. Team: Bridgend. Women: S Martin (Medway), 1:21:38.

CROSS-COUNTRY LEAGUES: Gwent (at Barry): Men: 1, B Matthews (Barry and Vale), 32min 13sec; 2, J Hooper (Cardiff), 32:25; 3, A Smith (Swansea), 32:49. Team: Swansea. Women: S Hodge (Stroud and District), 20:48. Metropolitan (at Ruislip): Men: 1, M Williams (Shaftesbury Barnet), 25:13; 2, J Gentry (Newham and Essex Beagles), 25:21; 3, D Jones (Newham and Essex Beagles), 25:32. Team: London Irish. Surrey: First division (at Richmond Park): 1, J Solly (Herne Hill), 26:15; 2, R Partridge (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 26:38; 3, C Hensby (Woking), 27:08. Team: Aldershot, Farnham and District. Second division (at Wimbledon Common): G Staines (Belgrave), 24:50. Team: Belgrave. Essex (at Chelmsford): Men: 1, J Freeman (Chelmsford) 29:33; 2, P Betteridge (Havering), 29:38; 3, G Couch (Basildon), 30:25. Team: Chelmsford. Women: M Kitson (Colchester), 19:42. Team: Chelmsford. Sussex (at Brighton): Men: P Bristow (Brighton and Hove), 29:42. Team: Brighton and Hove. Women: D Peel (Crawley), 18:40. Team: Crawley.

STROUD: Half marathon: 1, C Buckley (Westbury) 1hr 03min 05sec; 2, M Dalloway (Stourport), 1:03:12; 3, S Anders (St Helens), 1:03:53. Team: City of Plymouth. Veterans: Over 40: S Cowles (Oxford City), 1:08:44. Over 50: T Davies (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 1:07:09 (world best). Women: 1, B Cardy (Bromsgrove and Redditch), 1:14:24; 2, R Ellis (Borough of Hounslow), 1:15:55.

ZARAGOZA, Spain: International mile race: 1, S Scott (US) 4min .04sec; 2, M Rowland (GB), 4:04.2; R y Flynn (Ire), 4:05.

FRANKFURT MARATHON: Men: 1, J Sasse (Neth), 2hr 13min 15sec; 2, (WG) M Grüning (WG), 2:12:45; 3, I Ellis (Wales), 2:14:05. Women: 1, *G Kirkeberg (Nor)*, 2:35:44. 2, A Holthamp (WG), 2:37:25; 3, M Regonesi (Chile), 2:40:28.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Glasgow Rangers 62 (Hays 32, Cunningham 18), MIM Livingston 78 (Fleming 20, Hill 14).

NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Cheshire Jets 67 (Crump 18, Smith 14), TNT Birmingham Bullets 91 (Bent 15, Oghums 14); Crystal Palace 98 (Cummings 28, Ryan 24), Stevenage 89 (Fraser 12, Rider 19); Derby Rams 106 (Findley 26, Haynes 18), Walsall 68 (Morrison 16); Hemel/Watford Royals 113 (Duncan 32, Todd 31), Worthing 100 (Hungreker 31, Shackleford 18); Oldham Celtics 89 (Yates 23, Lewis 22), Manchester Eagles 100 (Irish 27, Ramsey 18); Plymouth 73 (Miller 23, Stronach 18), Bracknell Tigers 117 (Scantlebury 23, James 17).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Second round: Doncaster 43, Stockport 83; Kingston 73, Ipswich 56; Kirklees 45, Sunderland 44.

RACKETS

PORTSMOUTH: Rank Xerox Pro-am UK doubles championship: Semi-finals: N Smith and J Pickup bt M Dean and N Dandy, 3-1; P Brake and D Mallinson bt S Hazell and R Clark, 2-3. Final: Smith and Pickup bt Brake and Mallinson, 3-2.

BOXING

BRENTWOOD: Commonwealth title: Mo Hussein (Eng, holder) bt Mark Reefer (Eng) rsc 10th.

MILAN, Italy: World heavyweight eliminator: Francesco Damiani (It) bt Tyrell Biggs (US), rsc 5th.

LAS VEGAS: WBC bantamweight title: Raul Perez (Mex) bt Miguel "Happy" Lora (Col, holder), pts.

LAS VEGAS: WBA and WBC lightweight title unification: Julio Cesar Chavez (Mex) bt Jose Luis Ramirez (Mex), pts.

CANOEING

LLANGOLLEN: International slalom event: K1: Men: 1, M Jones (GB), 145.19 secs; 2, I Raspin (Eng), 148.54; 3, R Smith 147.78. Junior: 1, K Gaster (Eng), 54.48. C1: Men: 1, M Hedges (GB), 164.06; 2, R Corner (Eng), 173.95; 3, P Bell (Eng), 174.58. C2: Men: 1, Clough and Clough (Eng), 174.89; 2, Melville and Brown (GB), 177.13; 3, Sterd and Sterd (Cz), 178.84. K1: Women: 1, M Francis (Wales), 181.87; 2, H Corrie (Eng), 185.77; 3, L Simpson (Eng), 186.02. Slalom sprint: 1, Melville and Brown, C2 (GB), 125.70sec; 2, Sterd and Sterd, C2, (Cz), 127.45; 3, P Brain, C1, (Eng), 129.70; 4, K Campbell, K1 (W Midlands), 130.78sec; 5, I Raspin, K1 (Eng), 134.12. Leading Junior: 6, K Gaster, K1, (Eng), 138.70. Leading women: 9, C Daniels, K1, (South-West), 144.51.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Third day: Brisbane: New South Wales 291 (S R Waugh 118, G R J Matthews 108; C J McDermott 5-85) and 228 for eight (M Taylor 85, McDermott 3-35). Queensland 212 (I Healy 44 n.o., P Cantrell 52, A R Border 38; G F Lawson 3-38). Adelaide: Victoria 231 and 109 for seven (D M Jones 43). South Australia 287 (A M J Hilditch 85, D W Hookes 58; P Jackson 6-55).

ASIA CUP: Chittagong, Bangladesh: Pakistan 284 for 3 (45 overs: Ijaz Ahmed 124 n.o., Moin-ul-Atiq 105). Bangladesh 111 for 6 (45 overs). Pakistan won by 173 runs. Dhaka: Sri Lanka 271 for 5 (45 overs: A de Silva 69, A Samarasekera 88). India 254 (43.5 overs: N Sidhu 50; K Guruwardene 4-49). Sri Lanka won by 17 runs.

CYCLING

HILL CLIMBS

ROTHER VALLEY: (S Harting, 912 yds): 1, M Wipham (Portsmouth NE), 2min 29.2sec.

TIME TRIALS

COVENTRY CC 10 miles: 1, B Clarke (VC Slough), 23:21; 2, T Dixson (Coventry RC), 23:38; 3, D Smith (VC Slough), 23:57.

GANNET CC 45min plus one lap: 1, M Mathews (CC Abergavenny), 51:30. Team: CC Abergavenny.

ALTON CC 25 laps: 1, L Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix), 52:05.

CYCLO-CROSS

WOLVERHAMPTON: Holdsworth national trophy: First round: 1, S Douce (Raleigh Banana), 1:04.18; 2, D Baker (Ace RT/Peugeot), same time; 3, P Vande Abeele (Bel), at 10 secs.

MIDDLETON CC 10 laps: 1, S Haslam (Altrincham RC), 1:04.00.

BELPER BC 40min plus one lap: 1, N Hay (Coalville Whs), 43:15.00.

NORTH WEST CCA 10 miles: 1, R Blow (Barclays Bank), 1:5:10.

REDHILL CC 12 miles: 1, M Bell (London Fire Brigade), 52min; 2, A Smith (Polytechnic CC), at one minute; 3, K Brooks (VC Ben), same time.

FOOTBALL

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Army XI 3, Cambridge University 1.

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey: "The Legends" international match: The Americas 2, Rest of the World 2.

MELBOURNE: World indoor championships: Semi-finals: Brazil 5, Portugal 1; Paraguay 4, Spain 1.

GOLF

KASAMA, Japan: LPGA team championship: Final scores: United States 17pts, Japan 11. Leading individual scores: 139: B Daniel (US). 141: R Jones (US). 142: A Takasu (Japan). 144: L Davies (GB).

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Walt Disney World Classic tournament: Final scores: (US unless stated): 263: B Lohr (wins play-off on *fifth extra hole*), C Beck. 268: B Lietzke; F Zoeller. 270: M Donald; D Pohl; P Azinger. 271: M Wiebe; R Wrenn; L Nelson; G Sauers. 272: K Green; T Kite. 273: M Hatalsky; J D Canipe; M Calcavecchia; M O'Meara.

GYMNASTICS

WEMBLEY: Daily Mirror British championships: Men: 1, I Shelley (Southampton), 112.025; 2, R Edwards (Southampton), 111.400; 3, J May (Bristol), 109.200. Women: 1, L Elliott (Egham), 74.425; 2, L Grayson (Redcar), 74.375; 3, L Mainwaring (Telford) 73.000.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Leicester 15, Llanelli 29.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Herts School U-18 22, *Middlesex Schools U-18 0*.

CASTRES, France: Tour match: New Zealand Maoris 20, French Army 18.

MARMANDE, France: Tour match: Argentina 16, South West regional XV 10.

ASUNCION, Tour match: Paraguay: Paraguay-Uruguay XV 12, South African XV 108.

SNOOKER

TORONTO: Canadian Masters tournament: Fifth round: (Saturday): C Thorburn (Can) bt I Graham (Eng) 5-4; S Hendry (Sco) bt C Wilson (Wales), 5-1. (Friday): T Griffiths (Wales) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-4; S Davis (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 5-0.

ROWING

HENLEY: Head of the River: (Winners) Coxless fours: Open: Star and Arrow, 10min 05sec. Senior One: Notts County, 10:21. Senior two: Emanuel School, 10:51. Coxed fours: Open: Star and Arrow, 10:32. Senior Three: RAF Wallingford, 11:43. Women: Maidenhead, 12:49. Henley scullers head: Overall: A Kittermaster (Barclays Bank), 11:26. Senior one: M Harris (Notts County), 11:35. Senior two: M Burbanks (Tideway scullers), 11:53. Senior three: C Andrews (Kingston), 11:40. Junior: J Rich (Wallingford), 12:12. Women: A Gill (Tideway Scullers), 12:44. Team: Tideway Scullers.

ICE SKATING

THUNDER BAY, Canada: Women's free programme: 1, N Lebedyeva (USSR). Overall: 1, Lebedyeva, 3pts; 2, J Trenary (US), 3; 3, P *Neske (WG), 6.6. Pairs free*: 1, I Brasseur and L Eisler (Can), 1pt. Overall: 1, Brasseur and Eisler, 1.5; 2, P Schwarz and A Koenig (EG), 3.5; 3, E Murugova and A Torgashov (USSR), 4.

MODERN PENTATHLON

LEWISHAM: Pentathlon/Tetrathlon and inter-club: Men: 1, P Mitchell (Northumbria), 4,878 points; 2, J Feasby (York), 4,634; 3, S Morgan (Army), 4,603. Women: T Purton (Lewisham), 5,040; 2, R Harrison (Millfield), 4,505; 3, R McFadden (Scot), 4,380. Intermediate men: 1, D Rowlands (Pegasus), 4,010; 2, J Greenwell (Millfield), 3,988; 3, M Mitchell (Ashford Valley), 3,588. Intermediate women: 1, N Monk (E Midlands), 4,528; 2, E Kipling (Spartan), 4,438 points; 3, P Ravnkilde (*Wessex*), 4,263. Inter Club: 1, Lewisham; 2, Army; 3, Oxford University.

MOTOR SPORT

BRANDS HATCH: Datacentre Formula Ford Festival: (1.20 miles): First Semi-final (15 Laps): 1, D Higgins (GB), Van Diemen RF 88, 12min 22.9sec (87.47 mph); 2, B Dolan (Ire), Mondiale 88; 3, N Cunningham (Aus), Van Diemen RF 88. Second semi-final: 1, J Cordova (Br), Reynard 88 SF, 12:14.1 (88.52 mph); 2, V Sospiri (It), Van Diemen RF 88; 3, R Morris (GB), Reynard 88 FF. Final: 1, Sospiri, 48.13 (90.02); 2, Cordova; 3, Higgins; 4, J McGall (Ire), Mondiale 88.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: *(Saturday)*: East Grinstead 0, Bromley 0; Old Loughtonians 4, Teddington 1; Southgate 1, Wakefield 1; Stourport 1, Cambridge City 0. (Sunday): Harborne 2, Isca 4; Havant 1, Slough 0; Hounslow 1, Indian Gymkhana 3; Welton 3, Warrington 0. Second division: Broxbourne 1, Gore Court 2; Guildford 0, Bream 1; *Neston* 1, Cannock 2; Richmond 0, Reading 4. (Sunday): Bournville 3, Coventry and North Warwickshire 2; Peterborough Town 1, Anchorians 0; Taunton Vale 0, Canterbury 1; Westcliff 0, Doncaster 1.

ARTHUR YOUNG MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich 2, Derby 0; Kidderminster 4, Wombourne 2; Leicester Westleigh 4, Olton and West Warwickshire 1; Pickwick 2, South Nottingham 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 0, Bluebarts 2; Bury St *Edmunds 0, Chelmsford 1*; Cambridge Nomads 2, Bishop's Stortford 2; Ford 2, Colchester 3; Ipswich 1, Norfolk Wanderers 0; Norfolk Grasshoppers 3, Crostyx 1; West Herts 3, Welwyn Garden City 1; Wisbech 0, Harleston Magpies 3.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 1, Tulse Hill 1; Cheam 1, Dulwich 1; Maidenhead 3, Hampstead 3; Mid-Surrey 2, Spencer 4; Surbiton 5, London University 0; *Wimbledon 0, St Albans 5*.

PERONI BEER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 2, Lyons 6; Chichester 6, Aylesbury 1; Eastcote 4, Bognor 1; Marden Russets 0, Trojans 1; Old Midwhitgiftian 2, Oxford Hawks 4; Old Teutonians 1, Fareham 4; Sevenoaks 2, Tunbridge Wells 0; Winchester 3, Lewes 2. Hants/Surrey regional: Basingstoke 0, US Portsmouth 0; Fleet 4, Walton 1; Gosport 0, Camberley 5; Met Police 0, *Southampton University* 1; *Old Edwardians* 3, NatWest 1. Woking 1 Bournemouth and WH 4. Kent/Sussex regional: Folkestone 3, Worthing 3; Herne Bay 2, Old Bordens 2; Lloyds Bank 1, Maidstone 1; Mid Sussex 1, Middleton 0; Old Beccehamians 3, Gravesend 1; Rochester and Gillingham 1, *Burnt Ash 0*; Thames Poly 2, Old Williams 3. *Middlesex*, Berks, Bucks and Oxon regional: *City of Oxford 2*, Harrow Town Swans 0; High Wycombe 3, Tilehurst 1; *PNL* 2, Southgate Adelaide 1; Sunbury 1, Marlow 0; Winey 2, Gerrards Cross 1.

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA CUP: Second round: Bournemouth and West Hants 7, Plymouth Command 0; St Albans 6, Norwich Grasshoppers 1; Spencer 2, Purley 4; Winchester 2, Tulse Hill 4.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: West region: Bournemouth and West Hants 7, Plymouth Command 0; Marlborough 5, Newquay 4; East Devon 1, Gloucester City 6; Westbury Banks 1, Firebrands 2.

WOMEN'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: North of England: Yorkshire 6, Manchester League 0; Northumberland 1, Cheshire 1; Northumberland 1, Manchester League 0; Durham 2, Cheshire 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): (Friday): New Jersey Devils 5, Hartford Whalers 3; Detroit Red Wings 4, Minnesota North Stars 1; Los Angeles Kings 7, Winnipeg Jets 4; Calgary Flames 2, Washington Capitals 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, Chicago Black Hawks 2. (Saturday): Buffalo Sabres 3, Boston Bruins 3; *Hartford Whalers 3, New Jersey Devils 0*; New York Rangers 6, Philadelphia Flyers 5; Quebec Nordiques 3, New York Islanders 2; Edmonton Oilers 4, Washington Capitals 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Montreal Canadiens 4; Minnesota North Stars 3, Detroit Red Wings 2; St Louis Blues 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 2.

SWIMMING

SOUTHAMPTON: TSB English Schools championships: (Winners): Boys: Junior: 4 x 50m freestyle relay: Division seven (Greater Manchester and Staffordshire) 1min 47.73sec (record). Senior: 100m butterfly: R Leishman (Tavistock), 56.80. 200m medley: I Stewart (York), 2:08.39. 100m freestyle: R Tozer (Street) 52.59. 100m backstroke: M O'Connor (Tameside), 58.72 (record). 100m breaststroke: M Driscoll (Bromley), 1:06.12. Girls: Junior: 100m freestyle: D Salmon (Tavistock), 59.29 (record) 100m backstroke: K Axford (Eltham Green), 1:10.26. 100m breaststroke: L Findlay (Northampton), 1:14.60 (record). 100m butterfly: A MacKay (Warrington), 1:06.21. 200m medley: Z Harrison (Norwich), 2:25.09 (record). Intermediate 4 x 50m medley relay: Division eight (Cambridgeshire Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk and the four London Boroughs of Barking, *Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest*), 2:03.24, (record). Senior: 4 x 50m medley relay: Division eight: 2:03.43.

TABLE TENNIS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Premier division: Middlesex 6, Leicestershire 1, Suffolk 1, Lancashire 8; Derbyshire 6, Berkshire 3; *Yorkshire 4, Devon 5*; Devon 2, Middlesex 7; Leicestershire 6, Derbyshire 3, Berkshire 5 Suffolk 4; Lancashire 5, Yorkshire 4; Berkshire 3, Leicestershire 6, Devon 5, Derbyshire 4; Yorkshire 6, Suffolk 3; Middlesex 3, Lancashire 6.

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: Women's international tournament: (US unless stated): Singles semi-finals: Z Garrison bt L Allen, 6-3, 6-4; K Maleeva (Bul) bt S Rehe, 6-2, 6-0. Doubles semi-finals: L Savchenko and N Zvereva (USSR) bt B Herr and C Reynolds, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6.

SINGAPORE: Singapore Open: Singles final: S Guy (NZ) bt P Chamberlin (US), 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-7, 7-3. Doubles final: B Pearce and T *Pawsat (US) Z Ali and M Ferreira (India)*, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

NORWAY: Bergen Open: Singles final: T Nijssen (Neth) bt G Connell (Can), 6-3, 6-1. Doubles final: P Korda and C Suk (Cz), bt T Svantesson (Swe) and A Castle (GB), 7-6, 7-6.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Speedwell Rucanor 3, WH Whitespool 0; Hilton Leeds 3, Star Aquila 1; Staffordshire Moorlands 3, Time Out Spark 1; Bradford 0, Malory CLC 3; Reebok Redwood Lodge 3, Capital City 1. Women: First division: Sovereign Leasing Sale 3, Birmingham AI 0; Portsmouth Heatseal 3, Spark 0; Brixton Knights 3, Southsea Scorpions 2.

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: East Kilbride 3, Bon Accord 0; Kinleith Plant 3, Team Fife 0; Bellshill Cardinals 1, Scottish Farm 3; Novasport 1, Krystal Klear 3; Elliot Sports 0, Su Ragazzi 3. Women: First division: Provincial Insurance 3, Falkirk 1; Strathclyde 2, Scottish Farm 3; Wheatsheaf Jets 0, Glasgow Bannerman 3; Carlisle 3, Inverclyde 0; Kyle 3, Deloitte Hazlehead 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RODSTOCK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Leigh Miners 19, Pilkington 24.

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FOOTBALL

GM Vauxhall Conference

Fisher v Barnet

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield v Preston (7.00).

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round, second leg (*first leg score in brackets*): Crawley (1) v Corinthian (0).

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Portsmouth v Ipswich (7.00). *Second round replay*: Gillingham v West Ham.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Miller Lite/Puma tournament (Wimbledon); Railcards Grand Prix (Poole).

BOWLS: CIS United Kingdom singles championship (Preston).

TABLE TENNIS: England v China (Eastbourne).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: BBC2 4-4.25, 4.45-6 p.m., 11.20 p.m.-12.35 a.m.: CIS United Kingdom indoor singles championship from Preston.

DARTS: ITV 10.35-11.20 p.m.: Cockney classic from Truman's Brewery, London, E1.

GOLF: BBC2 3-4 p.m.: Pro-celebrity tournament.

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 1-2 a.m. (tomorrow): Golf: Volvo Masters from Valderrama. Motorcycling: World Superbike final. Football: European round-up.

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A team united in their goal to pass up chances

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

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The first televised League fixture of the season was transformed yesterday afternoon into a variety show. Rarely can two sides, and Manchester United in particular, have illustrated so many ways in which to avoid scoring. The standard of finishing at Goodison Park was so woeful as to defy belief.

On no fewer than six occasions a United player was through with only Everton's goalkeeper to beat. So paltry was the sum of United's achievements that Southall, who needed to make only one save that was out of the ordinary, was acclaimed as the man of the match.

There can be no excuse for their profligacy, especially McClair's. He set the pattern as early as the sixth minute when Strachan, in a moment of unusual ingenuity during a comparatively stale first half, ushered him past a defence that was left flat-footed with stunning regularity.

Southall parried his weak shot and recovered in time to smother Hughes's attempt to turn in the rebound. On the hour McClair was put through again, by Hughes, but his side-footed attempt from the edge of the area was struck so feebly that it scarcely reached the hands of Everton's goalkeeper.

McClair's closing contribution to the extravaganza of misses was — after he was released yet again, by Olsen — neatly to divide the gap between the unguarded Hughes and the far post. The waywardness of United's centre forward was matched earlier by his captain, Robson, and later by his striking partner, Hughes.

At least Strachan can claim that he brought the best out of Southall a quarter of an hour from the end. Olsen can also justifiably point out that his break was halted illegitimately. For cold-bloodedly hacking him down, Snodin should have been sent off.

The right back, converted from midfield, suggested that he "had no alternative" but to commit the appallingly deliberate offence on the edge of the area. But, judging by the consistency of United's generosity, no harm would presumably have been done even if he had permitted Olsen's run to complete its natural course.

United's deficiency is becoming habitual. Four times this month they have stepped back from a potentially winning position. The solidity of their defence, reinforced by the competence of Donaghy in his first appearance, will be of little significance unless the flaws at the other end are soon corrected.

Hughes did so momentarily in the 68th minute with a drop volley from Blackmore's precise chip. Yet Everton, who had fashioned their own, albeit less imaginative, ideas of how to scorn chances, equalized almost immediately. The source of their lone goal lay predictably in the air.

Watson had twice threatened to score with headers minutes before the interval. Sharp's subsequent failure to turn in a cross from Cottee, which Leighton had for once misjudged, was as notable a miss as any. Watson at least hit the woodwork from Snodin's free kick and, as the ball rebounded off a post, Cottee was the first to react.

After claiming his seventh goal of the season, Everton's new recruit conceded that his side, for whom McCall was the only creative influence, were fortunate to collect their eleventh point. Since Ratcliffe has yet to regain his authoritative stature, their defence is armed with anything but the necessary security.

Even though Garton (whose name was one of four to be taken) seemed to be incapable of stopping Steven without fouling him, United's rearguard resembled by comparison an impenetrable object. If their forwards had been more ruthless, they would be level on points with the likes of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

EVERTON: N Southall; I Snodin, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, A Heath (sub: I Wilson), S McCall, G Sharp, A Cottee, T Steven.

MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; W Garton, C Blackmore, S Bruce, M Duxbury (sub. L O'Brien), M Donaghy, B Robson, G Strachan (sub: C Gibson), B McClair, M Hughes, J Olsen.

Referee: D Scott.

Booking of Snodin was 'not enough'

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, claimed that Ian Snodin, the Everton midfield player, should have been sent off for his challenge on Jesper Olsen in yesterday's match at Goodison Park.

Snodin, playing in his new role at right back, brought down Olsen as he closed on the Everton goal with the game deadlocked at 0-0 after 55 minutes. The referee, David Scott, showed Snodin the yellow card and Olsen followed him into the book a minute later for an angry remark.

Ferguson said: "The decision not to send off Snodin was the turning point for Everton. In front of so many people it doesn't do the game any good. I'm sure that the directive we received at the start of the season said that someone bringing down a player who was clear through should be sent off. I'll have to check that."

Olsen said that the decision was up to the referee but admitted that his booking came out of frustration. "I was alone with the 'keeper and we ended up getting a free kick — that is nothing."

Countering Ferguson's claim, Terry Darracott, the Everton's assistant manager, said: "Our defender did what he felt was right. As far as sending him off, I think that would be too severe — it is over-reacting a bit to say that."

Meanwhile, television's attempt to take the coverage of football into a new era was welcomed with an unexpected degree of enthusiasm by players and officials of both clubs.

Film crews were permitted to enter both dressing rooms for interviews before and after the game. To ensure that future co-operation from the English game's big clubs is forthcoming, intrusions on privacy were deliberately kept to a bare minimum.

"They were not intrusive at all which was one of the most pleasing aspects. To be perfectly honest they presented no problems. Those members of the ITV team who did enter our dressing room were co-operative and courteous," Ferguson said.

"They are more than welcome to film the things they did but obviously we would not allow them to extend their coverage to cover such things as team talks and the like," he added.

The players acceptance of the new coverage was not, however, shared by supporters. They were displeased by a two-minute delay before the start of the second half as the referee and players awaited the end of a commercial break.

The upwardly and downwardly mobile at play: Duxbury applies the emergency brake on Cottee (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Davenport makes Ferguson see red

By Ian Ross and Martin Searby

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, yesterday launched a scathing attack on Peter Davenport, the former England international forward who will this week sever his ties with Old Trafford and move to Middlesbrough.

Ferguson was angry at Davenport's failure to report for yesterday's game against Everton and insisted that the formalities of his £700,000 transfer will not be completed until he has explained his actions. Although Davenport has yet to put pen to paper he was introduced to the Middlesbrough supporters before Saturday's game against Millwall at Ayresome Park.

"I did not give him permission to go up to Middlesbrough on Saturday," Ferguson said. "As we only had 13 fully fit senior professionals available for this game, I thought he would have shown his face."

Bruce Rioch, the Middlesbrough manager, had taken the unusual step of introducing Davenport to the supporters although the player is unlikely to sign transfer forms until Thursday. Although Davenport, aged 27, who has scored 22 goals in 91 League matches at Old Trafford, has agreed to become Middlesbrough's record signing, the transfer will not go through until Ferguson knows whether he will need the former Nottingham Forest player for United's Littlewoods Cup-tie at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

Muddled cameras miss the point

If ITV's "The Match" was supposed to be providing revolutionary camera coverage of football, Greg Dyke is likely to end up in front of his own firing squad. The inaugural game of the £44 million package controversially negotiated this summer had all the originality of a Blackpool bank holiday.

It is not the fault of Dyke, one of those strange overnight apparitions of television power randomly rising from the ranks, that Everton against Manchester United was no more than an average league match. It was presumptuous of Dyke, who has no sporting background, and his production team to suppose that direction "treatment" can turn the average into the spectacular. Football cannot be marketed as entertainment like the Two Ronnies: it is what it is. Or isn't.

The treatment added little and missed a lot. ITV hopes to get seven million viewers, it is said; rather less than half what BBC's Match of the Day used to get in its prime, and a quarter of the record 32 million audience for the 1970 FA Cup Final replay between Chelsea and Leeds. The present formula seems muddled.

The first turning point of the match was a goal by McClair for Manchester United just after the half hour which was disallowed, seemingly unfairly, for offside. There was no camera to reveal the reason for the linesman's decision and we were never taken back to the incident at half time or the finish.

There was a singular lack of replay action, television's great strength, and nothing of this to demonstrate a truly exceptional performance, amid much that was average, by Southall, Everton's goalkeeper.

But for Southall, Manchester United would probably have won by two or three goals. The novelty of Dyke and Ted Ayling, his senior producer, is to get Jim Rosenthal, with that grimace of a smile, into the dressing room. It was not a good afternoon for Jim.

"You believe in not saying too much," Rosenthal said cheerfully through clenched teeth as Southall, half-heartedly handling a bottle of champagne like it was an old sock, remained modestly non-committal about his performance.

Jim even had trouble being recognized. Commiserating with Mark Hughes, on the touchline, on United's failure to hold on to the lead, he received the perplexing response: "It's important to keep level, Dave." So much for instant analysis. Rosenthal thanked Bryan Robson for talking to him at half-time when the United captain had paused barely long enough to say "we're hoping for a result."

Brian Moore and his rented expert, Graham Taylor, relentlessly informed us we were watching the last word in excitement. "Very strong and competitive opening," Moore said after 15 seconds. "Extra bite," was there, he assured us. Soon Taylor was echoing the "very competitive" bit, in the absence of goals; but neither of them was competitive enough to say emphatically whether Hughes was or was not offside.

The half-time cavalcade of goals from Saturday's matches, denying us any analysis of what we were watching, managed to miss one of Derby's goals. And then it was back to Brian and "really bright stuff for the second half". A "riveting start" he insisted, as both teams continually passed the ball to each other. "It looks like we're in for a very good 35 minutes," forecast Taylor, with what sounded like a streak of hopefulness.

***Taylor came close to giving* a real opinion when Garton, United's right back, was booked for a blatant foul. "People see the unfairness (of fouls)," Taylor said. Phew!**

Hughes and Cottee, £3 million of marksmen, scored their goals. This, said Moore, was "pulsating" stuff. He predicted a great finish, but we did not get it. If there is ever a hat-trick they will have to find him oxygen and a new thesaurus. Sorry to say it, Brian. I sympathize. I wouldn't like Dyke on my back on an average day.

England call on young Carling

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

After a total of nine captains in the six years since Bill Beaumont retired from rugby, England have invited Will Carling — at the age of 22, which makes him the youngest man in the squad — to lead the national side not only this season but into the 1991 World Cup. It is a move of uncharacteristic boldness which deserves to succeed.

Carling was asked on Friday evening to lead an England team including three newcomers against Australia at Twickenham on Saturday. But yesterday, when the squad trained together for the first time, Geoff Cooke, the team manager, said: "I have made it clear to Carling that we expect him to captain the side throughout the season.

"We have had a succession of short-term captaincies and the feeling was that we had to establish an English captain who, though it is early for him, would take us through the next three seasons to the World Cup."

Carling, a product of Durham University, won his first cap in January and has now accumulated seven. But he has won glowing tributes both from present and past generations of international players who believe him, already, to be approaching world class. "I'm very honoured," he said. "There is a lot of experience around so I don't think it will be much of a problem. It's a question of gelling the side."

Carling resigned as a second lieutenant in the Royal Regiment of Wales this summer and is now a retail marketeer with Mobil Oil. He will have as his pack leader Dean Richards, which means that the selectors have gone for a partnership between the two players who, injuries permitting, seem likely to be fixtures in the national side for a substantial period.

There has been bold decision-making elsewhere in next Saturday's team, which is based firmly on the form shown in the divisional matches against the Australians. First caps go to Andrew Harriman, the Harlequins right wing; to Dewi Morris, the Liverpool St Helens scrum half whose aggregate of first-class games does not exceed 20, and to Paul Ackford, the Harlequins lock for whom such recognition comes at the age of 30.

Arresting decisions, one might say, in view of the fact that Ackford, an inspector in the Metropolitan Police, packs down with constables Dooley and Richards. Andrew retains the stand-off half position in a match squad which has no room for Barnes; Robinson's exceptional form has ousted Rees from the back row, where Egerton, the Bath No. 8, is given his fourth cap on the blind side.

The shocks even extend to the replacements: Thompson and Bates, who have played together so well for London against Australia, are there as is Dunn, the Gloucester hooker and another who is so far uncapped. Dunn's presence could be foretold: Thompson and Bates, however, are there on the strength virtually of one match and it remains a puzzle that Barnes's versatility and experience could have been ignored.

In choosing Ackford, who is 6ft 6in and won a B cap as long ago as 1979, the selectors have two middle-of-the-line jumpers and the option of moving Richards to the front while leaving Egerton to take care of the back.

Morris has rocketed to the top since deciding that England was a better bet than his native Wales and moving from Winnington Park to Liverpool St Helens this season. "I can't get away from having lived 18 years in Wales and I'm not renouncing my Welshness — there is no way I can," Morris said. "But England have given me the chance to prove I can do it and I will be very proud to play in an English shirt."

Morris comes from Crickhowell, Ackford was born in Hanover. Harriman was born in Lagos and follows another player of Nigerian descent, Chris Oti, into the side. His is an exciting selection, fraught with possibilities of all kinds but with the clear implication that England, who have chosen only eight of the players who appeared in their last international (against Fiji in June), will take the game to Australia.

- David Campese has been selected to captain the touring Australians against the Combined England Students at Cambridge on Tuesday.

It will be Campese's fifth Wallaby tour appearance in six matches.

TEAM: D Campese (capt), A Niuqila, R Tombs, L Walker, P Carozza, S James, B Burke, R Lawton, M McBain, E McKenzie, H McCall, D Frawley, S Gourley, D Carter, T Gavin

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National newcomers: England trio, Harriman (left) Ackford (centre) and Morris. (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

England team

	Age	Caps
J M Webb (Bristol)	25	11
A T Harriman (Harlequins)	24	0
W D C Carling (Harlequins)	22	7
S J Halliday (Bath)	28	7
R Underwood (Leicester)	25	27
C R Andrew (Wasps)	25	20
D Morris (Liverpool St Helens)	24	0
P A G Rendall (Wasps)	34	17
B C Moore (Nottingham)	26	12
J A Probyn (Wasps)	32	7
D W Egerton (Bath)	27	3
W A Dooley (Preston Grsprs)	31	23
P J Ackford (Harlequins)	30	0
R A Robinson (Bath)	24	2
D Richards (Leicester)	25	14

REPLACEMENTS: J R D Buckton (Saracens), A L Thompson (Harlequins), S M Bates (Wasps), G J Chilcott (Bath), K Dunn (Gloucester), G W Rees (Nottingham).

Fudge hits her best in Chicago

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Chicago

Paula Fudge was the best of a strong British representation in the revived Chiago Marathon yesterday when she finished third in the women's race, in a personal best of 2hrs 29min 47sec.

Fudge won $20,000 for her effort, and was only one second behind the second-placed, Emma Scaunich, of Italy, who won $30,000. But she said: "That wasn't a disappointment. To be honest, my legs had gone, and I was more interested in the time. After all, I started off back in ninth place, and came through."

That was the tactic used by Mike O'Reilly and Steve Brace, who stayed well behind the fast starters for the first half of the race, and came through to finish together in 2hrs 11min 50sec with O'Reilly, of Ireland, taking fifth place over Brace. But, having run together most of the way, they had agreed to split their prize money.

But they were much too late to make any impression on Alejandro Cruz, who surprised everyone with his win in 2hr 8min 57sec. The Mexican was told he could enter last Wednesday when his better known compatriot, Mauricio Gonzalez, dropped out. Cruz, aged 20, had to pay his own fare. But his reward was a personal best by over four minutes and he broke the Mexican record by 16 seconds.

Steve Binns dropped back after 20 miles when Cruz made his break, and then cramped in the last four miles to finished 10th in 2hr 13min 32sec. The first six in both races set personal bests.

RESULTS: Men: 1, A Cruz (Mex), 2hr 8min 57sec. 2, Y Tolstikov (USSR), 2:09.20. 3, R Kariany (Ken), 2:09.39. Other: 5, M O'Reilly (Ire), 2:11.50. 6, S Brace (GB), 2:11.50. 10, S Binns (GB), 2:13.32. 11, Y Milovsorov (GB), 2:14.02. 13, J Wheway (GB), 2:14.38. Women: 1, L Weidenbach (US), 2:29.17; 2, E Scaunich (It), 2:29.46; 3, P Fudge (GB), 2:29.47

Faldo breaks losing streak

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Sotogrande

Nick Faldo emerged from a summer of discontent as the Volvo Masters champion after a sparkling final round of 68 on the Valderrama course yesterday. He stood on the 18th green, arms raised, and said: "That's my last round of golf for 1988 — what a way to finish."

It was made all the more satisfying because Faldo had to forge his way past Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle, who started out sharing the lead, to collect the first prize of £58,330 with a four-under-par aggregate of 284.

For the luckless Faldo, runner-up on seven occasions in Europe this season and beaten in a play-off for the US Open in June, it was a thoroughly deserved change of fortune.

"I'm absolutely chuffed," he said. "It has been a hell of an 18 months, stretching back to my Open win last year, but I've still had more than my fair share of frustrating moments."

Faldo said the mental anguish created by his sequence of near misses had increased the pressure on him, although he showed no sign of flagging in the Spanish sunshine. Instead, Lyle and Ballesteros, the Masters and Open champions, wilted in the heat of a classic finale to a European season of high tension.

Faldo applied the pressure with an excellent outward half of 34 to draw level with Lyle, who had nine pars, and move ahead of Ballesteros, who dropped shots by being in a bunker at the first and taking three putts at the fourth.

Faldo chipped in from just off the green at the fifth and made another birdie from 16 feet at the eighth. He took the lead for the first time when he was on the green with a driver and a three wood for a birdie four at the 11th.

It was a lead he was not to relinquish as he played the last six holes in one under par, which included holing from 11 feet and nine feet for birdies at the 13th and 16th.

There was only one worrying moment when, at the last, he elected to take an iron for safety off the tee. He pulled the ball into rough and behind cork trees but, as Ballesteros missed from two feet for a birdie on the 17th green, Faldo steered his recovery shot into a green-side bunker, from where he got up and down to salvage par.

In winning, Faldo secured second place in the Order of Merit and for that he earned a bonus of £30,000 to increase his European winnings for the season to £347,971.

FINAL SCORES (GB unless stated): 284: N Faldo, 74, 71, 71, 68. 286: S Ballesteros (Sp), 68, 72, 74, 72. 288: A Lyle, 68, 71, 75, 74. 289: I Woosnam 75, 74, 70, 70. 293: E Darcy (Ire), 74, 71, 74, 74; R Chapman, 71, 77, 70, 75. 294: M Lanner (Swe), 77, 70, 74, 73; C O'Connor jnr (Ire), 78, 73, 70, 73; A Sorensen (Den) 78, 67, 78, 75; P Fowler (Aus), 77, 71, 71, 75. 295: N Hansen, 77, 72, 75, 71; J-M Canizares (Sp), 76, 78, 67, 76. 296: M Piñero (Sp), 74, 71, 81, 70; H Clark 73, 73, 74, 76. 297: N Coles 78, 76, 72, 71. 298: M Calero (Sp), 77, 73, 73, 75; O Sellberg (Swe), 71, 74, 76, 77; P Baker, 72, 74, 75, 77; J-M Olazábal (Sp) 78, 64, 69, 77. 299: S Bishop, 74, 72, 79, 74; D Smyth (Ire), 73, 81, 71, 74; T Charnley, 74, 72, 75, 78. 300: D J Russell, 74, 79, 74, 73; G Mason, 75, 72, 79, 74; B Lane, 74, 75, 75, 76.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Coach appeal

Lisa Elliott regained her British gymnastic title at Wembley on Saturday after an appeal following the last routine, the floor exercise. After Elliott scored 9.45 to Lisa Grayson's 9.50, her coach appealed against under-marking, and won.

Biggs stopped

Francesco Damiani, of Italy, the European boxing champion, won an unofficial semi-final for the world heavyweight title when the doctor stopped Tyrell Biggs, of the United States, in the fifth round at the Palatrussardi Arena, in Milan, on Saturday.

Green light

Southwark Council has abandoned its attempt to stop the world junior-lightweight boxing championship from going ahead at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre on Wednesday.

United attack

Sports officials from more than 30 countries yesterday took the first steps towards forging a programme of random drugs testing for athletes. At the start of a four-day conference in Sweden, delegates pledged to hammer out a workable and simple testing plan to thwart drug-taking within top-level sport.

Varying pace

Stephen Hendry, at a sprint, and Cliff Thorburn, at a crawl, have qualified to meet each other in the quarter-final round of the BCE Canadian Snooker Masters in Toronto.

Tie switched

The John Player Special Trophy rugby league match between Runcorn Highfield and Wigan, on November 13, has been moved to Central Park, Wigan.

Fatal victory

Saint-Dizier (AFP) — The mother of the French heavyweight boxing champion, Maurice Chanet, died of a heart attack brought on by the joy of seeing her son outpoint Jacob Christ of Wales.

Boy wonder

Richard Maden, aged 16, from Rochdale, broke the Olympic champion, Adrian Moorhouse's, national schoolboy record when he won the 100 metres breaststroke in 1min 04.18sec at Southampton yesterday.

On the move

The West Indian opening batsman, Phil Simmons — who almost died when hit by a ball from the Gloucestershire fast bowler, David Lawrence — is to join the North Yorkshire and South Durham League club, Guisborough.